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BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE  
*at its Sesquicentennial*

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## *Birmingham-Southern alumni and friends can be counted on in good times and bad*

BY LISA HARRISON  
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS

*I*t was an exciting, though very challenging, spring at Birmingham-Southern. If you don't already know, in this issue of 'Southern you'll read about two situations over the past few months that have presented the college with one of its most challenging times in its celebrated 150-year history.

During our Sesquicentennial year, two of our students were arrested in association with the arson of nine Alabama churches. Also, in May our Board of Trustees moved to seek reclassification of our athletics program from NCAA Division I to Division III to better serve the college's academic mission and to assist with a trying financial time in the history of the college.

It has been a time that has challenged us as individuals and as a college community. All of us have had to dig deeper, look at the big picture, and focus on the college's history of making the tough decisions that would best serve society and the institution.

But through it all, as we knew would be the case, our alumni and friends have stood behind their college. After the student arrests, hundreds of calls, letters, and e-mails came in with offers of assistance to help rebuild the churches, from financial gifts to offers of donated materials, benefit concerts, and much more. Unsolicited gifts to the college's Alabama Churches Rebuilding and Restoration Fund came in from all over the world to push the total received to more than \$368,000.

On top of that, when BSC Trustee Dr. Pete Bunting '66 issued an Annual Fund challenge offering \$50,000 if Birmingham-Southern alumni could match those funds in unrestricted giving, our alumni went way beyond and gave almost \$130,000. And all in less than one month's time. Giving to this year's Parents' Fund shattered records as well.



*Friends reunite during Alumni Reunion 2006.*

Support also has been shown in other ways. The Sesquicentennial Alumni Reunion Weekend was a huge success, with more than 1,000 alumni, faculty, staff, and students in attendance at a whole new offering of activities and events, culminating with a celebratory dinner, fantastic fireworks display, and band party on the Academic Quad.

While controversial, the decision to move to NCAA Division III has many supporters. There has been an outpouring of support from

alumni, some of whom are already asking for season tickets to the soon-to-be-launched football program! The hottest selling item in the BSC Bookstore is our football T-shirt, which says "Birmingham-Southern Football: Undefeated Since 1939."

Our college community has turned this challenging period in the college's history into one of excitement. Sure, challenges still remain, but it is comforting to know that no matter what happens, BSC alumni and friends can be counted on to stay the course, to stand behind their beloved college. Even when decisions are questioned, you show how deeply you care with your questions.

How appropriate then that this final Sesquicentennial issue of 'Southern magazine features profiles of outstanding BSC alumni—alumni who have done amazing things in their fields of endeavor. It is a strong reminder of what this place does best—educate leaders.

And within these pages are only a few of our best and brightest. We receive e-mails, letters, and phone calls daily with news of the accomplishments of another alumnus or alumna. They all make us proud. *You* make us proud.

Thank you for what you mean to 'Southern. Thank you for standing strong in your support, even in the toughest of times. You're the reason we can celebrate 150 years of making the world a better place—one graduate at a time.

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**On the cover**—Alumni Reunion is celebrated on the academic quad with the newly graduated Class of 1961 as they enjoy an honorary meal. This year, hundreds of BSC alumni returned to the academic quad to help celebrate the college's 150th birthday. A look at Alumni Reunion 2006 begins on page 33.



**Editor's Note:** On March 8, 2006, Birmingham-Southern College learned that two of its students had been arrested for conspiracy and arson of nine Alabama rural churches damaged or destroyed by fire in early February. For the next several days, media from around the nation converged on the Birmingham-Southern campus to cover this unfolding story. As tragic as this situation was, however, the college was for the most part portrayed by the media as an outstanding liberal arts institution with bright and caring students. The college's immediate response on the afternoon of the arrests was that it would help rebuild the damaged churches. Over the weeks that followed, offers of support came in from around the country from alumni and from those who had no connection to the college. On campus, students, faculty, and staff formed teams to worship with the churches and establish relationships with the congregations. What follows are the initial response from the college by President David Pollick on March 8, selected comments from the media, and information on the results of the Alabama Churches Rebuilding and Restoration Fund efforts.

## Initial Response to the Church Fire Situation

"In response to the two students having been charged with arson of nine Alabama community churches, Birmingham-Southern College has suspended each student from the college and immediately banned them from campus awaiting further action by the authorities. The students, faculty, and staff of our college are at once shocked and outraged, and we share the sorrow of our neighbors whose churches represent the heart and soul of their communities.

"These cruel and senseless acts of destruction have profoundly touched our college community. Where there once existed such a clear line between the harmless and playful and the harmful and cruel, we increasingly see young adults throughout our nation incapable of distinguishing between healthy and destructive conduct. Boundaries are all too often exceeded. The social use of alcohol moves easily and too frequently to dangerous irresponsibility. Innocent and healthy stages of interpersonal social encounters too frequently degrade to violent and personal acts of violation. We see symptoms of a culture of personal license so powerfully magnified in the actions of these young men.

"We also are deeply concerned for the families of these young men, knowing the pain they are experiencing. The entire community of Birmingham-Southern College—students, faculty, and staff—pledges to aid in the rebuilding of these lost churches through our resources and our labor. Together we'll stand as a reminder of the strength of communities that transcend the differences of religion and place, as well as the effects of mindless cruelty."

Dr. David Pollick  
President

### What others said

"We are impressed with the way Birmingham-Southern College President David Pollick reacted to the news that two students from the private Methodist school were arrested in the burnings of nine rural churches last month. The arrests were devastating to the Birmingham-Southern community, not only because it is relatively small and close-knit, but also because it prides itself on the concern for humanity and society that the college inculcates. ... The alleged involvement of Birmingham-Southern students was disappointing but Pollick did not disappoint in his eloquent response. We're sure that the college community will not fail to follow through."

—from *The Tuscaloosa News*, March 12, 2006.

"The (College) took a risk for saying what you said, and for that, I thank you. The future of Alabama and the prospect for shared community will be better for your having taken the position you did. Your response answered the question, "somebody ought to say something," and you did. I don't envy the pressures you will be feeling in the coming days, but I am convinced your faith, family, and conviction will carry you through."

—e-mail from a local leader.

"... That purpose was articulated by students and administrators at Birmingham-Southern College, affiliated with the United Methodist Church: to repair the damage done by their classmates and make the victims whole. They have volunteered to rebuild the churches and have established a fund to aid the congregants. The college's president, David Pollick, asked the right question: How can students from wonderful families with such zest for life do something so diametrically opposed to their background and the school? How, indeed. But it's comforting that their perfidy served as a springboard for caring and hope."

—from the *Hartford (Conn.) Courant*, March 21, 2006.

"... It is the mark of a changed South that Birmingham-Southern College, where two of the students were enrolled, immediately announced plans to institutionally support rebuilding the churches. The college had no connection to the arson except that two of those charged were enrolled."

—from the *Northeast Mississippi (Tupelo) Daily Journal*, March 12, 2006.

## Birmingham-Southern's church rebuilding, restoration fund tops \$368,000; checks distributed to 10 churches

Teams of Birmingham-Southern students, faculty, and staff have delivered checks to the 10 rural Alabama churches damaged or destroyed by fire in early February from the more than \$350,000 donated to the college's Alabama Churches Rebuilding and Restoration Fund.

Through the Alabama Churches Rebuilding and Restoration Fund, the college also distributed funds collected for the churches in other campaigns, including more than \$55,000 from a joint effort of The National Conference for Community and Justice, AmSouth Bank, and FOX 6/WBRC TV, and more than \$33,000 from The Community Foundation of West Alabama.

Checks were distributed to Antioch Baptist Church in the Antioch community of Bibb County, Ashby Baptist in the Brierfield community of Bibb County, Beaverton Freewill Baptist in Lamar County, Dancy First Baptist in Aliceville, Galilee Baptist in the Panola community of Sumter County, Morningstar Missionary Baptist in the Boligee community of Greene County, Old Union Baptist in the Brierfield community of Bibb County, Pleasant Sabine Baptist near Centerville in Bibb County, Rehobeth Baptist in the Lawley community of Bibb County, and Spring Valley Baptist in the Gainesville community of Sumter County.

The money was distributed equitably according to the individual needs of the churches.

The fund was announced March 8 when the college learned that two of its students had been arrested for conspiracy and arson of nine of the churches. The college also included a 10th church in the fund. Beaverton Freewill Baptist was destroyed by fire Feb. 11, but was not linked to the other fires.

At a March 8 press conference, Birmingham-Southern President Dr. David Pollick vowed that "the entire community of Birmingham-Southern College—students, faculty, and staff—pledges to aid in the rebuilding of these lost churches through our resources and our labor. Together we'll stand as a reminder of the strength of communities that transcend the differences of religion and place, as well as the effects of mindless cruelty."

Since the establishment of the fund, unsolicited donations have been received from individuals, corporations, and foundations across Alabama and the nation.

"We've received support from all over the country and from many who do not have a connection to Alabama or Birmingham-Southern College," Pollick said of the fund-raising total. "I have been deeply touched by the show of respect for our students and the moral stance of our college."

The fund was boosted by a \$150,000 contribution from a Jackson Hole, Wyo., couple who wished to remain anonymous.

"In Galatians 6:2, God's word instructs us to 'Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ,'" the couple wrote with their gift. "As Christians we feel compelled to be instruments of Christ's encouragement and comfort those in need. Many people suffer from poverty of hope, of inspiration, of comfort, and of faith to name a few. When we heard about the Alabama church burnings, we felt compelled to see how we could help to bear the burdens of others."

Since the initial announcement of the college's offer to help rebuild and restore the churches, a Birmingham-Southern committee has been working to determine the specific needs of each church. Members of the committee visited with pastors or leaders of each of the 10 churches to determine what resources were needed.

The college then formed teams of faculty, staff, and students and assigned each team to a church.

"The teams are a link between the church and the resources that the college distributed," said BSC Dean of Chapel Dr. Stewart Jackson. "Members of the teams first worshipped with the congregations of the churches to build relationships. Each church had unique resources, each church had unique needs, and each church responded to this tragedy in their own way. Therefore we needed our teams to get to know them and help us make the best use of the gifts that have and are being given."

In addition to the monetary support, Jackson said the college received dozens of offers of physical assistance, in-kind gifts of materials, and charity fund-raising events.

"I am sure that you and all the students at BSC were initially confused and maybe even a bit angry that BSC's name was involved in such a tragedy. However, the immediate and pure response by you and BSC students to rise above a debate about blame and to simply reach out and repair the damage is a model of decency. There is too little of this simple humanity today. My father is from Mobile, and I believe that this simple desire to do "what is right" is very Southern. You should be very proud of your students."

—e-mail from the mother of a Boston University theatre student.

"... The work of college officials to collect and distribute money to rebuild these churches is not likely to garner the kind of headlines and airtime the church-burnings and the arrests did, especially given everything else going on in the world today. But college officials and those who donated to help with the rebuilding fund deserve some appreciation for the work they've done to try to right the wrongs of others. It would have been easy for the school to try to distance itself from the entire episode. ... By choosing instead to help the churches involved, Birmingham-Southern is offering a better lesson about dealing with a negative situation."

—from *The Gadsden Times*, July 22, 2006.

## Award-winning faculty member delivers Birmingham-Southern's Commencement address

Professor of English John D. Tatter addressed the Birmingham-Southern class of 2006 during the college's Sesquicentennial year Commencement ceremonies May 27.

Tatter was named the Birmingham-Southern Outstanding Educator of the Year for the 2004-05 academic year in recognition of excellence in all aspects of teaching. The award includes a cash stipend and an invitation to speak at the following year's Commencement.



*BSC 2004-05 Outstanding Educator of the Year Dr. John Tatter (center) addressed the 2006 graduating class during the college's Sesquicentennial year. Tatter, who is a professor of English, is pictured with Provost Dr. Kathleen Murray and President Dr. David Pollick prior to the historic address.*

He delivered the keynote address at the 147th event when Birmingham-Southern conferred some 276 bachelor's degrees, 23 master's degrees, and five honorary degrees.

In his address, titled "Your Defining Moment," Tatter expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the 2006 class valedictorian, a term he says is not defined by grade-point average, but rather "in Latin simply means the person who says farewell."

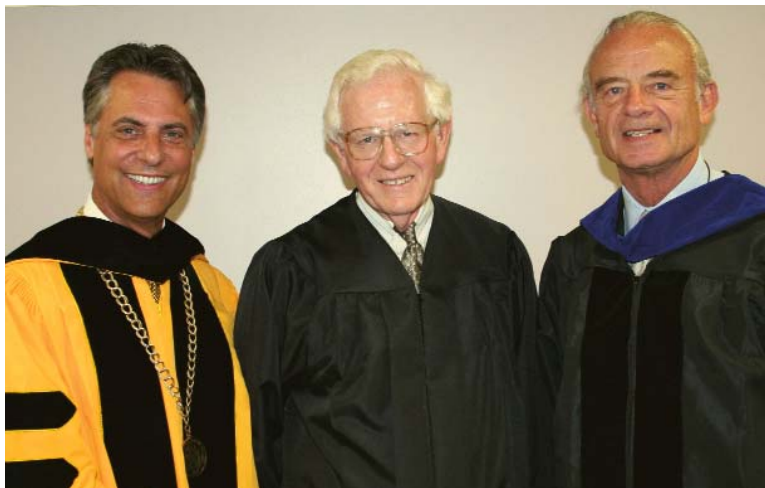
Tatter spoke about defining moments, focusing on the connection between literature and art. He selected the topics of a life-sized sculpture of Eve by Sir Thomas Brock, and the painting by John Waterhouse of the Lady of Shalott, based upon a poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson, which tells the story of a woman who casts off from a riverbank, both on display in the Tate Gallery of British Art in London.

"But though you may share some similarities with these two young women, you differ from them in one important way—no one else is telling your story for you, or painting your defining moment," he said. "You are both storyteller and painter. You choose the moments that will define you."

Birmingham-Southern's Commencement Day began with the Baccalaureate Service that morning. Bishop William H. Willimon, leader of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church, was the keynote speaker.

In his address, Willimon encouraged students to "please overcome politeness and respect and let disrespect blossom."

"We are handing you a world with huge problems," he explained. "We need you to show less respect for the older generation and more determination. Don't be intimidated by global problems. Dream dreams we have forgotten how to dream; think thoughts; create ideas."



**Medal of Service**—BSC presented a Medal of Service to alumnus Donald A. Brown (center) at its Commencement ceremony in May in recognition of his significant commitment to the college's mission, quality, and character. A 1958 graduate, Brown is an award-winning journalist with more than 50 years of experience. He recently wrote *Forward Ever*, Birmingham-Southern College at its Sesquicentennial. Brown is pictured with President Dr. David Pollick (left) and Jim Stephens, chair of the BSC Board of Trustees.



## College presents five with honorary degrees

Birmingham-Southern presented five individuals with honorary degrees at its Sesquicentennial year Commencement ceremony May 27 in recognition of distinguished careers and service to the college.

Rebecca Gilman of Chicago, a 1987 BSC graduate and award-winning playwright, received an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

Dr. Carol A. Newsom of Atlanta, a 1971 BSC graduate and Charles Howard Candler Professor of Old Testament at the Candler School of Theology and the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University, received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

David Shipler of Chevy Chase, Md., a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Bishop William H. Willimon of Birmingham, leader of the United Methodist Church North Alabama Conference, received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Odessa Woolfolk of Birmingham, founding president/chair emerita of the board of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree.



Receiving honorary degrees during Commencement were (from left) Rebecca Gilman, Odessa Woolfolk, David Shipler, Dr. Carol Newsom, and Dr. William Willimon.

## Birmingham-Southern names new VP for administration, research, and planning



Dr. Terry J. van der Werff, doctor of philosophy and certified management consultant, is the new vice president for administration, research, and planning at Birmingham-Southern.

"He is particularly well suited to the tasks and challenges that stand before us," said BSC President Dr. David Pollick. "I'm very excited that Dr. van der Werff has decided to join the Birmingham-Southern community."

van der Werff has been president and CEO of van der Werff Global Ltd. since 1991. The firm,

based in Seattle, Wash., and Devon, Pa., advises corporate leaders on strategies for their future. He has consulted with leaders worldwide in 25 industries, served as a speaker and corporate retreat leader, and written more than 200 articles on global trends and strategic change for *Washington CEO* magazine and other publications.

Prior to founding his own firm, van der Werff served as executive vice president for academic affairs at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia; dean of science and engineering at Seattle University; and chief biomedical engineer with appointments on the faculties of Medicine, Science, and Engineering at Groote Schuur Hospital and the University of Cape Town, South Africa; among other positions in academia and government.

He has two degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a doctorate in biomedical engineering from Oxford University, and a certificate from the Kolbe School of Theology in Cape Town, South Africa.

## Pollick addresses human rights forum in France

Birmingham-Southern President Dr. David Pollick was an invited speaker at the Council of Europe's Higher Education and Democratic Culture:

Citizenship, Human Rights, and Civic Responsibility forum held this summer in Strasbourg, France.

Pollick was a presenter during the "Promoting Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship" session, led by Thomas Hammarberg of Sweden, commissioner for human rights of the Council of Europe and former secretary general of Amnesty International, a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights.



Pollick addressing human rights forum.

Photo courtesy of Josef Huber.

Since taking office as Birmingham-Southern's 12th president in July 2004, Pollick has worked with college faculty, staff, students, and alumni on the establishment of the Center for Global Human Dignity, based on the fundamental principle that advancing human dignity is central to the mission of liberal education.

The forum, which was attended by international higher education experts from around the world, covered issues such as fostering the culture of democracy, promoting human rights and democratic citizenship, and building sustainable democratic citizenship.

# Women & LEADERSHIP, HUMAN DIGNITY



*(Left photo) Participating in the Women, Leadership, and Human Dignity Town Hall Meeting are moderator Judy Woodruff (standing) and panelists (front row, from left) Rev. Susan Crow, Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro, Dr. Carol Newsom, and Hon. Sandra Storm; (back row, from left) Dr. Enriqueta Bond, Dr. Gail Cassell, Carol Herrmann-Steckel, Hon. Shirley Franklin, Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, and Melanne Verveer. (Right photo) Woodruff addresses the attendees at the Honoree Luncheon.*

## National and international women leaders address ‘Advancing Human Dignity’ at college’s Town Hall Meeting

Eleven women leaders who have made significant contributions across the U.S. and the world toward advancing human dignity participated in a Town Hall Meeting at Birmingham-Southern in February.

Part of Birmingham-Southern’s year-long Sesquicentennial celebration, the Women, Leadership, and Human Dignity forum included a question-and-answer format Town Hall Meeting in the Munger Hall Auditorium, which was moderated by Judy Woodruff, a former correspondent and host of “Inside Politics” for CNN.

Following the Town Hall Meeting, the women were honored at a luncheon, which included a keynote address by Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro, general secretary of the World YWCA.

The event concluded with a Birmingham Art Music Alliance concert featuring violinist and Birmingham-Southern First Lady Karen Bentley Pollick and cellist and Adjunct Professor of Music Craig Hultgren. The concert featured world premieres by four BSC faculty composers.

In addition to Woodruff and Kanyoro, the other women participating in Women, Leadership, and Human Dignity included: Dr. Enriqueta Bond, president of the Burroughs Wellcome Fund; Dr. Gail Cassell, vice president of scientific affairs and Distinguished Lilly

Research Scholar for Infectious Diseases for Eli Lilly and Co.; Rev. Susan Crow, executive director of Appalachia Service Project and a 1992 graduate of Birmingham-Southern; Hon. Shirley Franklin, mayor of Atlanta, Ga.; Carol Herrmann-Steckel, commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid Agency and a 1981 BSC graduate; Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, chair of Women’s Campaign International; Dr. Carol Newsom, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Old Testament at Emory University and a 1971 graduate of BSC; Hon. Sandra Storm, recently retired as presiding circuit judge of the Family Court of Jefferson County, Ala., and a 1968 graduate of BSC; and Melanne Verveer, co-founder and chair of the board of the Vital Voices Global Partnership.

In addition to the Town Hall Meeting and the Honoree Luncheon, each woman also participated in classroom discussions with Birmingham-Southern students.

**Editor’s Note:** A limited number of DVD’s that contain both the Town Hall Meeting and the Honoree Luncheon in their entirety are available free of charge through the BSC Office of Communications. Copies may be reserved by calling 205/226-4921 or e-mailing [sbarr@bsc.edu](mailto:sbarr@bsc.edu).



## BSC television promotions win national award

The “Arrive” Birmingham-Southern television promotions airing since last December have won the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Gold Medal for Public Service Announcements and Commercial Spots at the national level.

CASE annually recognizes higher education institutions through its Circle of Excellence awards program in the areas of Advancement Services, Alumni Relations, Design, Electronic Media Presentations, Fundraising, Institutional Relations, New Media, Periodicals, Publications, and Student Recruitment Marketing.

BSC developed its “Arrive” television promotions, as well as print and radio advertisements, in collaboration with Birmingham marketing firm FitzMartin.

The promotional pieces may be seen at [www.bsc.edu/seeitfirst](http://www.bsc.edu/seeitfirst).

## BSC president attends national meeting of Methodist presidents

Birmingham-Southern President Dr. David Pollick recently participated in the annual meeting of the National Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities of the United Methodist Church held in Rockport, Maine, July 22-26.

The NASCUMC is a 123-member organization that strengthens ties between the church and its affiliated educational institutions. The conference, attended by Methodist college presidents, featured national speakers and covered a wide spectrum of topics ranging from presidential leadership to what it means to be church-related. The association has expressed appreciation that BSC has chosen to become active at the national level of Methodist higher education.

“Birmingham-Southern’s active and ongoing participation with this group is invaluable,” said Pollick. “As a Methodist-related institution, our ties to the United Methodist Church are extremely important. This association not only helps us strengthen and grow those ties, it equips us for greater service to the church as well as the campus and community.”



Bentley Pollick

By special invitation, BSC First Lady Karen Bentley Pollick provided a featured violin performance at the conference banquet July 26.

The association’s member institutions include college preparatory schools, two-year colleges, four-year colleges and universities, one professional school, and 13

United Methodist schools of theology, all located in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

## Pollick elected to national college council board

Birmingham-Southern President Dr. David Pollick has been elected to the board of directors for The Council of Independent Colleges.

Pollick was one of 11 new members elected to the board during the group’s annual Presidents Institute awards banquet held in Naples, Fla.

The council, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, is the national service organization for small to mid-sized independent liberal arts colleges and universities in the United States.



**Honors Day Convocation**—Birmingham-Southern alumnus Dr. Kevin Tucker (center) presented the Sesquicentennial year Honors Day Convocation address April 27 in Munger Hall Auditorium. Tucker, a 1986 BSC graduate and professor of medicine at Harvard University’s Medical School in Boston, spoke on “What Does it Mean to be an Educated Person in the 21st Century?” Shown with Tucker are BSC Provost Dr. Kathleen Murray and BSC President Dr. David Pollick.



**Holocaust remembered**—Historian and internationally respected Holocaust author Dr. Deborah Lipstadt (center) delivered the N.E. Miles Judaic Studies and Middle Eastern Culture Lecture April 25 in Munger Hall Auditorium, marking the Jewish observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah). Lipstadt, Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University, spoke on “History on Trial: My Day in Court with Holocaust Denier David Irving.” Shown with Lipstadt are (from left) BSC President Dr. David Pollick and Donald Hess, a member of the BSC Board of Trustees whose family helps support the biennial lecture.



**Grading the environment**—Dr. Maureen L. Cropper (center), a lead economist in the infrastructure/environment team of the World Bank’s Development Research Group and a University of Maryland economics professor, delivered the B.A. Monaghan Lecture in Economics at Birmingham-Southern March 16. Cropper shared her views on the environmental problems of developing countries. Pictured with Cropper (from left) are BSC President Dr. David Pollick and Dr. Kathleen Rossmann, BSC associate professor of economics.



**A steward for natural resources**—Dr. Edward O. Wilson (second from left), Harvard University professor emeritus of entomology and biology, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, and Alabama native, lectured at Birmingham-Southern March 9. Wilson shared his views on the status of the biosphere and his plan to save the Earth’s biological heritage based on his latest book, *The Future of Life*. Pictured with Wilson (from left) are Jeanne Jackson, director of the BSC Hess Center for Leadership and Service; Cori Anderson, a junior biology major from Madison, Miss.; and Farley Lord, a senior French major from Atlanta. The lecture was sponsored by the Hess Center for Leadership and Studies.



**A master writer**—Former U.S. Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner Rita Dove (second from right) was Grand Master of the 2006 Writing Today conference held March 10-11 at Birmingham-Southern. Pictured with Dove are (from left) Dr. David Pollick, BSC president; Odessa Woolfolk, founding president/chair emerita of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute who introduced Dove at the luncheon; and Nabella Shunnarah, acting chair of this year’s writer’s conference. Writing Today annually brings together writers, editors, publishers, playwrights, poets, journalists, and other literary professionals for two days of panel discussions and lectures on the literary arts, as well as practical information necessary to the craft of writing.



## Shew named BSC associate provost

Dr. Wayne Shew, Ada Rittenhouse Snively Professor of Biology, has been selected to serve as associate provost for Birmingham-Southern.

Shew, who served as interim provost of the college for the 2004-05 academic year, began his new duties this summer.

“Dr. Shew’s long history with the college, his background in the sciences, and his administrative experience as division chair and interim provost will be valuable in his new role,” says BSC Provost Dr. Kathleen Murray.

Having joined the BSC faculty in 1978, Shew is a 28-year veteran of the college. He served as chair of the college’s Division of Science and Mathematics from 1987-91 and is a past recipient of the Exemplary Teacher Award from the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Shew

## Donahue’s debut novel wins national Langum Prize



Donahue

The Langum Project for Historical Literature has named Dr. Peter Donahue, associate professor of English at Birmingham-Southern, as the winner of its annual prize in historical fiction for 2006.

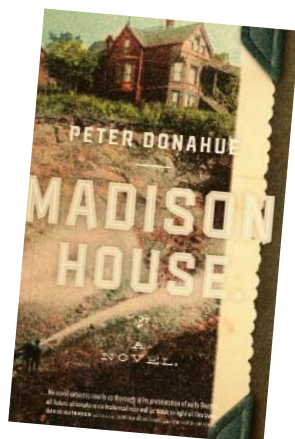
The Langum Prize is given to the best historical fiction book in the nation and includes a \$1,000 award. Donahue’s novel *Madison House* was released in paperback in October 2005. It focuses on the cultural transformation of 20th-century Seattle.

“This is the first big, national award I’ve received for my writing, so it’s very validating,”

said Donahue. “The award shows that the story told in *Madison House*—and the issues that the story raises—has appeal to readers beyond just the Northwest.”

The Langum Project for Historical Fiction, founded by David J. Langum Sr., is part of the Langum Historical Trust that sponsors the national competition. Two prizes in American history or biography and historical fiction are awarded annually.

Donahue joined the BSC faculty in 1999. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Washington, his master’s from Virginia Tech, and his doctorate from Oklahoma State University.



## Taylor elected to state retail board

Dr. Jack Taylor, Joseph S. Bruno Professor of Retailing at Birmingham-Southern, has been appointed to the 2006 board of directors for The Alabama Retail Association.

Taylor was elected to the board during the Retail Association’s February meeting in Montgomery. He is one of 28 directors nominated from throughout the state.

The retail group represents some 3,800 independent merchants and national companies that sell food, clothing, furniture, and other general merchandise at nearly 5,000 locations throughout Alabama.

Taylor joined the BSC faculty in 1987. He received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Central Florida, an MBA from Illinois State University, a J.D. from the Birmingham School of Law, and a Ph.D. from UAB.



# Professor's group sent satellite team in search of water on planet

BY PATRICK HICKERSON

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Physicist Duane Pontius doesn't hold back on his impressions of the new images from the Cassini satellite of geysers on Saturn's moon Enceladus.

"When I see the pictures from the imaging team, that show unambiguous huge geysers as big as the satellite, practically, it was one of the more amazing things in my life," Pontius said. "You don't expect something like that. Something that dramatic."

And Pontius, a Birmingham-Southern College professor, helped find

them.

Pontius is part of a team of scientists who found charged particles coming from Enceladus. The particles, as he described them, are broken-up water molecules.

Their work and contributions from other scientists led Cassini's imaging team at the Jet Propulsion Lab in California to seek the cause of the phenomena.

JPL released images of the geysers Thursday. Evidence of water begged questions

The news, coming from 800 million miles away, has sent a charge through the international scientific community.

If true, Enceladus would join Jupiter's moon Europa, Neptune's moon Triton, and Earth as the only sites that show evidence of liquid water. Water in vapor and solid form are more common. Mars shows evidence of having had water billions of years ago.

"It's a pretty small club," Pontius said.

## Lots in a small package

As moons go, and Saturn has scads of them, Enceladus is puny. It's only 300 miles across. But it has enough to keep scientists busy. First, its surface is smooth in parts and pockmarked in others, which could show evidence of an active crust.

Scientists estimate the geysers might be erupting from near-surface pockets of liquid water right at freezing, 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Some scientists speculated the water could be only 10 yards under Enceladus' surface.

Pontius' specific role was developing a theoretical model that showed how the charged particles—the broken-up water molecules—swept around Saturn and passed by Enceladus. The data came from a device on Cassini that tracked particles and measured speed and composition.

Other researchers, looking at magnetic fields and heat from the moon, found reasons to take a harder look at the possibility of liquid water, Pontius said.

His next step is to determine how the material is coming off Enceladus and populating Saturn's magnetic field.

## A hometown guy

While his studies take him to Jupiter and beyond, Pontius hasn't moved from his native Birmingham. He graduated in 1979 from the Resource Learning Center that gathered in the old Rosedale High School in Homewood. It later was renamed the Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School and relocated next to Shades Valley High School in Irondale.

He attributed his participation in one of the great astronomical finds to "just great luck."

He was on a sabbatical leave last fall and traveled to Rice University, where he went to work with Tom Hill, a physics professor, and created a theoretical model that tracked the charged particles.

"The day I walked in, he said 'Look at this data,'" Pontius said.



Pontius

on evidence of life.

"We realize that this is a radical conclusion—that we may have evidence for liquid water within a body so small and so cold," Carolyn Porco said Thursday. She is Cassini imaging team leader at Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colo.

"However, if we are right," Porco said, "we have significantly broadened the diversity of solar system environments where we might possibly have conditions suitable for living organisms."

## Education professor Kirkpatrick retires to other passions

Dr. Katherine “Rusty” Kirkpatrick, associate professor of education and 1964 Birmingham-Southern graduate, retired from the college after the 2006 spring academic semester.

Kirkpatrick, who joined the faculty in 1989 and has served the college for 17 years, has been a “backbone” of support for America’s tradition of providing a good public education.

“Retirement for me is bittersweet,” said Kirkpatrick. “I am certainly going to miss my students. But I’ll be able to spend more time with my four beautiful grandchildren.”

A native of Birmingham, Kirkpatrick earned her master’s and doctoral degrees in early childhood education from UAB. Her career began in 1964 as a first-grade teacher in the Huntsville school system. When the academic year ended, she returned to Birmingham, where she taught developmental reading for 20 years in elementary schools throughout the city.

In 1985, Kirkpatrick shifted her career to educating student teachers and specialized in the education of preservice teachers in reading methodology. Her work has culminated in the development and implementation of the Reading Buddies Program with Jonesboro Elementary School in the Bessemer school system, which provides a Reading Reference Room for children and free tutoring by BSC education students.

“Somewhere in the world there are men and women whom I have had the pleasure of teaching who hold degrees in elementary/collaborative education,” she said. “I have no way of knowing how many children’s lives they have touched and will touch in the future, perhaps in the hundreds or thousands.”

As an addition to her extensive list of achievements, Kirkpatrick was appointed to the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Board of Examiners in 2001, of which she is still involved. Another accomplishment she is proud of is a 1995 exchange program in Brazil that she and former BSC Accounting Professor Bonnie Hairrell helped to develop. “The teaching techniques we learned, anchored in the theory of Cletin Freinet, crossed the disciplines of business and education,” she explained.

Kirkpatrick says she is looking forward to playing with her grandchildren and spending time with family and friends. Still, she admits she isn’t quite ready to loosen all of her ties with the field of education. “I would like to do some consulting work with the Alabama State Department of Education.”



*Kirkpatrick*

## Chinese delegation visits campus to explore exchange possibilities

About 22 members of the faculty and administration of the Shenyang Conservatory of Music in Shenyang, China, visited campus in February to explore the possibility of a cooperative exchange program with Birmingham-Southern which is under consideration that would involve faculty, students, and performances.

The visit came as a result of a relationship created between the conservatory and BSC Artist-in-Residence William DeVan, who taught and performed last summer at the Shenyang Conservatory. DeVan, a Steinway artist, was invited to teach there again this summer.

The group spent three hours touring the campus, observing fine and performing arts classes, and visiting with college administrators and faculty.

DeVan also visited China this past spring at the invitation of Xiamen University. During his stay, he performed two recitals at the School of Music at Xiamen and taught six master classes and three lectures. As a result of his performances and classes, DeVan has been invited to return to Xiamen and also has received an invitation to perform at the Music College of Yunnan Arts University in Beijing.



*William DeVan (second from left) and Professor of Music Mildred Allen (far left) greet members of the Chinese delegation following performances by BSC students in the Hill Recital Hall.*





## New SGA officers elected for 2006-07 academic year

Cal NeSmith of Oneonta is the new president of the Student Government Association at Birmingham-Southern for the 2006-07 academic year.

NeSmith, a sophomore business administration major, was elected in the spring by student vote.

Also elected to executive office for 2006-07 were Jared Beam, a junior chemistry major from Arab, first vice president;

Molly Cowley, a sophomore nurs-

ing major from Mountain Brook, second vice president; Raj Patel, a junior pre-med major from Vestavia Hills, treasurer; and Peter Starr, a freshman international studies major from Atlanta, secretary.

NeSmith



**A queen is crowned**—Kate Chandler (second from left) was crowned Birmingham-Southern's 2006 Homecoming Queen Feb. 27 during halftime ceremonies of the annual Homecoming men's basketball game vs. Winthrop. The senior business major from Daphne was crowned by BSC President Dr. David Pollick (far right) and 2005 BSC Homecoming Queen Susan Petty (far left). Chandler was escorted by 2004 BSC graduate Eric Harper (second from right). Crown bearer was Kennedy Waters, daughter of Cheryl Waters of the college's Office of Residence Life.



Anderson

## BSC student selected 2006 Udall Scholar

Birmingham-Southern junior Cori Anderson was chosen this year among 80 national scholars to receive a Morris K. Udall Scholarship. Anderson, a native of Madison, Miss., was the only scholar selected from a school in the state of Alabama.

The scholars were selected by the Morris K. Udall Foundation from among 445 candidates nominated by 224 colleges and universities across the country. Each scholarship provides up to \$5,000 for one year.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation was authorized by Congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Udall's legacy of public service. Udall served in the House of Representatives for three decades. His love for the environment resulted in numerous pieces of legislation, one being the Alaska Lands Act of 1980, which doubled the size of the national park system and tripled national wilderness.

The Udall Foundation seeks future leaders across a wide spectrum of environmental fields including policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, and economics.

Anderson is a biology major and environmental studies minor at BSC.

The 2006 Udall scholars gathered in Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 2-6 to receive their awards and meet policy makers and community leaders in their field.



**A welcome alternative**—Birmingham-Southern students Susan Fant of Gadsden (right) and Miriam Smith of Mountain Brook measure a square of sheetrock as part of an alternative spring break project in Moss Point, Miss. Four of the college's staff members accompanied a group of 11 BSC students to Moss Point March 25-31 to work with Safe Harbor United Methodist Church doing demolition and rebuilding on homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Fant is a freshman accounting major; Smith is a sophomore English major. The college's Office of Service Learning sponsors a weeklong Alternative Spring Break each year.





### A Grimm classic—

Birmingham-Southern dance, music, and theatre students brought Engelbert Humperdinck's opera "Hansel and Gretel" to the stage April 21 and 23 in the College Theatre. A BSC student cast of 16 performed the opera, based on Grimms' classic fairytale, accompanied by members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Joseph Hugh Thomas Professor of Music Dr. Lester Seigel. Jessica Rushing (kneeling left) of Semmes played the role of Hansel; Erin Wakeman (kneeling right) of Mobile portrayed Gretel. Sarah Schiesz of Florence was the Witch.

## Birmingham-Southern student awarded competitive internship at Carter Center

Maria Presley of Tupelo, Miss., a junior international business major at Birmingham-Southern, was chosen as one of 40 interns this summer at the Carter Center in Atlanta. Presley competed against 150 graduate students to obtain the position.

The Carter Center, founded by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, is committed to advancing human rights and the alleviation of unnecessary human suffering. In partnership with Emory University, the center has worked since 1982 to improve the quality of life for people in some 65 countries.



**Meeting a justice**—Birmingham-Southern junior Corrie Clarkson (second from left) from Springville takes part in an experience of a lifetime by meeting U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia (second from right) during his May unannounced visit to the University of Fribourg in Fribourg, Switzerland. Clarkson, a German major at BSC, spent the academic year studying abroad at Fribourg through an exchange program with the American College Program. Scalia, in Zurich, Switzerland, for a meeting, paid a special visit to Fribourg to present a short lecture on the U.S. Constitution. Pictured with them are Kylee Blatchford, an exchange student from Nebraska, and Andrej Lushnycky, director of the American College Program at Fribourg.



*Groundbreaking ceremonies have always been popular occasions for alumni gatherings. Above, college officials, alums, and then-current students gathered*

# BSC@150

*honors its alumni:  
a tapestry of achievement, leadership, and service*

BY PAT COLE, CAROL COOK HAGOOD, LINDA HALLMARK, AND DR. GUY HUBBS

Birmingham-Southern has been focusing this Sesquicentennial year on its traditions. The Winter 2006 issue of *'Southern* magazine honored the college's faculty. In that issue, we elaborated a bit on the founders' vision. In 1856, when Southern University began, they resolved to build an institution devoted to "creating scholars of the highest character ... whose purpose was to serve the world." In order to accomplish that vision of academic excellence for a life of selfless service, they divided the curriculum into four fields: theology (to prepare ministers), medicine (for physicians), law (for governmental service), and liberal arts (for educators).

How has the college fared, 150 years later? Is the founders' vision still with Birmingham-Southern?

This issue of *'Southern* is devoted to answering that question. The answer, of course, can be found only by looking at the

college's graduates, the products of that vision. Surely, the record of the few alumni portraits that follow, much like the faculty portraits featured in the past issue, speaks for itself: the founders' vision has indeed served us well.

Consider, for example, Bishop Robert Morgan '56, who in 1999 was elected to serve as presiding bishop, the highest position in the United Methodist Church. BSC has had no other alumni to reach that position, but it has had at least five others to serve as bishops, and two of those also were college presidents. Bishops, of course, are merely the most visible of the many BSC alumni who have entered the ministry. Many more serve and have served as pastors in churches large and small, in Alabama and beyond. But the ministry is more widely construed today. Rev. Susan Crow '92, for example, does not serve a church, but directs a Christian service





during the groundbreaking for Andrews Dormitory, circa 1919.

project providing homes to impoverished Appalachian families.

The founders envisioned that many graduates would serve in the health professions. They actually established a short lived medical school in the 1870s, and in the 1980s, the college had a nursing program. But other than these two experiments, BSC has concentrated on providing solid preparation for more technical training elsewhere. Once again, the results speak for themselves. As U.S. surgeon general, Dr. Luther Terry '31 was responsible for the landmark study linking cancer and lung disease to cigarette smoking. Dr. Donald Harrison '54 served as president of the American Heart Association and authored seven books and nearly 600 scholarly publications. Dr. Kevin Tucker '86, professor of medicine at Harvard, is the subject of a BSC advertisement, "Our students don't just go to Harvard Medical School, they teach there." The college's pre-med program remains one of the country's strongest.

Many graduates entered law and government service. Thomas Seay (1867) twice was elected governor of Alabama. Since then, countless graduates have served the state and country as lawyers, judges, and political figures. Perhaps none was as imposing—whether in stature or reputation—as Howell Heflin '42. After revising the state's court system while a state Supreme Court Justice, he served in the U.S. Senate for three terms. For 25 years, Sandra Storm '68 presided over the Jefferson County Family Court. Martha Jane Patton '68, a 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award winner, serves as executive director of the Legal Aid Society of Birmingham.

Not long after Dr. David Pollick took the reins as BSC president, I heard him speak of the remarkable number of graduates who

could be found in schools and colleges across this country. Some dozen BSC alumni have been college presidents just in the 20th-century alone ... individuals such as Thomas Hearn '59, who headed Wake Forest from 1983 to 2005, and Roberts Bottoms '66, president of DePauw since 1986. There also are untold numbers of college professors and school teachers who received their first degree at BSC.

The founders knew all along that theology, medicine, law, and teaching were not the only ways that BSC graduates could use their education to better this world. There have been journalists, including Howell Raines '64, Marguerite Johnston Barnes '38, and Rik Kirkland '73; philanthropic businessmen, such as Elton Stephens '31; and composers like Hugh Martin who studied at BSC. These alumni merely are the most visible of what we expect from all our graduates, no matter where they go after receiving their diploma. We still expect them to use their education for greater purposes.

The founders' vision remains Birmingham-Southern's vision.

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**Editor's Note:** *What follows is just a sampling of the thousands of Birmingham-Southern alumni who have achieved great success in their careers, both during college and beyond. Many other alumni have been highlighted in previous issues of this publication, and we will continue in the future to feature even more in upcoming issues of 'Southern.*



## Elton Stephens '31: family man, innovator, prolific businessman, philanthropist

Elton B. Stephens, one of the nation's preeminent business leaders and philanthropists and founder of EBSCO Industries, mastered the art of the possible. His remarkable energy, coupled with hard work and true grit, propelled him from a poor youth growing up during the Great Depression to the *Forbes* 200 list for privately owned companies.

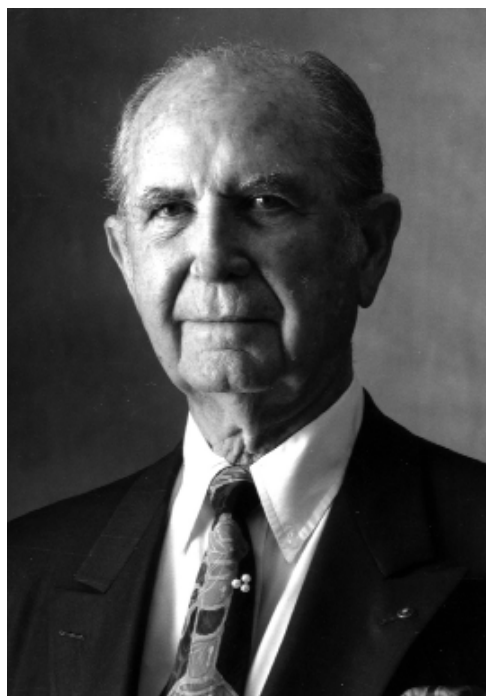
But for those who really knew him, family came before business. And they tell that underneath Stephens' 6-foot-2 gruff, and sometimes hard, exterior for business was a very sweet and caring man.

"He was a pretty incredible caretaker when it came to his family," says Jane Stephens Comer '81, his eldest daughter. "He spent quality time with all of his children. He would take us horseback riding, help us with our multiplication tables, and check our report cards. He was a very concerned parent and a good father."

A native of Clio in Barbour County, Ala., Stephens early on discovered his knack for selling. He enrolled at Birmingham-Southern during the Great Depression while needing money to pay for college. He sold magazines door-to-door to earn money for tuition, and after one year, was managing a sales team. After graduating in economics and attending law school, Stephens decided to continue his business enterprise, which he considered more profitable.

His magazine subscription service soon expanded into other ventures, and by 1958, Stephens, along with his wife, Alys, had grown their Military Service Company into EBSCO Industries. Headquartered in Birmingham, EBSCO now is a widely diversified global business ranging from magazine subscription services and digital publishing to manufacturing and real estate. With Stephens' four children assisting, the business employs 5,000 people worldwide and is the largest privately owned company in Alabama.

Stephens equally was a big proponent of sharing his time and resources to help build a stronger community. He and his



family's philanthropic support has encompassed the arts, social services, healthcare, and religious institutions.

He supported Birmingham-Southern in many ways too, including a major contribution and matching gift that helped fund the \$25 million, 100,000 square-foot Elton B. Stephens Science Center

which opened in 2002. He also supported several endowed scholarships, professorships, and other BSC endeavors.

Stephens passed away in February 2005 at the age of 93. His eldest son, James "Jim" Stephens, is current chair of the BSC Board of Trustees and chair of the board of EBSCO Industries.

"What I admired about him is that he supported us, disciplined us, and offered his guidance; yet, he expected us to think for ourselves," says Jim Stephens. "He set a great example for his children ... we never doubted that our parents were with, for, and behind us."

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## Luther Terry '31: encouraging U.S. smokers to kick the habit



Climaxing a distinguished career in public health and teaching, Dr. Luther Terry attained national prominence when he was appointed U.S. surgeon general in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy.

Terry will forever be remembered for his 1964 “U.S. Surgeon General’s Advisory Committee Report on Smoking and Health,” which linked cancer and lung disease to cigarette smoking. His dramatic public warning was delivered as a stamp on the back of each pack of cigarettes: *The surgeon general has determined that cigarette smoking is dangerous to your health.*

He stepped down as surgeon general in 1965 after successfully lobbying Congress to pass the Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act. He then turned his attention to cigarette advertising “on the air,” and in 1971, was instrumental in banning cigarette ads on radio and television.

“Smoking remains our single most preventable cause of disability and death in this country,” Terry related in a 1975 news article. He blamed the increase of American smokers on World War I and “the many GI’s who returned from Europe with the smoking habit.”

A native of Red Level, Ala., where his father was a physician, Terry studied biology at Birmingham-Southern. He later graduated from Tulane University Medical School, and, by 1942, had become a professor of preventive medicine at the University of Texas at Galveston. He joined the National Heart Institute in Bethesda, Md., in 1950 and was serving as assistant director when he was tapped for surgeon general.

After leaving the surgeon general post, Terry took a position as vice president for medical affairs at the University of Pennsylvania. He received during his lifetime 17 honorary degrees from colleges and universities, including BSC. He also became a consultant to groups such as the American Cancer Society and the World Health Organization.

His last years were spent as a corporate vice president for medical affairs for ARA Services of Philadelphia, then as a consultant. He continued his anti-smoking message, leading the effort to eliminate cigarettes from the workplace.

Terry died in Philadelphia in 1985 at the age of 73 and was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

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## Hugh Martin: the music plays on

In a recently written autobiography, which he's shopping to publishers, 91-year-old Hugh Martin looks back over years of productive work that have established him as an important figure in American musical theatre.

Insiders in the music industry respect him enormously. It's reported that when the Broadway great Stephen Sondheim made a list of the songs he wishes he had written, four of the 50-odd were penned by Martin.

But you don't have to be an expert to feel the flame of this bright talent. Any of the millions who've spent a quiet moment with Martin's holiday classic "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" can vouch for his power as a songwriter.

Following music studies at Birmingham-Southern in 1931-32, Martin left college for New York to begin his long career as a composer for musical theatre and films. Over the following decades, with long-time collaborator Ralph Blane, he produced scores for dozens of shows, both Broadway and film, including *Best Foot Forward*, *Make A Wish*, *High Spirits*, *Athena*, and the 1944 Judy Garland film *Meet Me in St. Louis*, with its durable hits "The Trolley Song" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

In 1990, the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers honored the latter, an all-time favorite holiday song, by placing it on its list of Most Performed ASCAP Standards. More than 500 artists have recorded "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" through the years.

For his accomplishments, Martin has been inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, and the Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame. He was twice nominated for an Academy Award, for "The Trolley Song" and for "Pass the Peace Pipe" from *Good News*. The Library of

Congress has released a CD entitled *Hugh Sings Martin*, one of a series of recordings of composers performing their own songs. And in Alec Wilders' *American Popular Song: The Great Innovators, 1900-1950*, Martin is one of 11 named, along with Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Richard Rodgers, and Cole Porter.

Among the highlights of his career, Martin says, has been the opportunity for collaboration with great talents, including Judy Garland, whom he calls "the most brilliant entertainer of the century." In addition to writing and arranging some of her most memorable songs, Martin was Garland's accompanist for her acclaimed 1951 appearance at New York's Palace Theatre. In fact, Martin laughs, they actually were roommates! He enjoys telling the story: When the two learned that the Palace had provided an unsatisfactory dressing room for Martin in the theater, Garland quickly said, "No problem! We'll put up a sheet and you can have a space in mine." And so they enjoyed an especially close collaboration over the run of the show.

Today, Hugh Martin continues doing what he does best, making music and looking for the next opportunity to delight the world with his melodic gifts. His current project is *Wedding Day*, a musical based on Carson McCullers' *The Member of the Wedding*. Martin's version premiered in the mid-80s at Birmingham's former Town and Gown Theatre, in a production starring BSC graduate Kristi Tingle Higginbotham '87. Since that time, he's continued work on the show, which now includes 15 songs. If he can obtain the rights for further production (a sticking point he hopes soon to overcome), he just may have another hit on his hands.

For Hugh Martin, the music plays on and on.

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## Marguerite Johnston Barnes '38: author and world-class journalist



Marguerite Johnston Barnes, a Phi Beta Kappa English graduate of Birmingham-Southern, was heralded as a journalist and author as much for her rich writing as for her gracious demeanor. Her wisdom, precision as a historian, and flair as a writer allowed her to transform ordinary news events into eloquently told stories.

An internationally-respected journalist and author under her maiden name, she was well-known for her popular daily

column in *The Houston Post* newspaper, which spanned 20 years and covered such issues as alcoholism as a disease, population control, and the growing problem of air pollution.

A native of Birmingham, she began her writing career

with *The Birmingham News* staff in 1939, later becoming head of the *News*' Washington bureau and a correspondent for *The London Daily Mirror*. In 1947, a year after her marriage to Charles Barnes '39, she joined *The Houston Post*.

Her reporting assignments took her to a number of countries in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. She covered the U.N. Conference on Freedom of Information and the Press in Geneva for several newspapers and journals. She also wrote numerous commentaries and conducted interviews with such notables as former Premier Edouard Daladier of France and Lady Bird Johnson (wife of President Lyndon B. Johnson). During World War II, she covered the Federal Aviation Administration and military beats.

Her book, *A Happy Worldly Abode*, published in the '60s, chronicles the history of Houston's oldest church. Her second book, *Houston: The Unknown City*, published in 1991, sold out at its first printing. The book is a political, commercial, and social history that traces families as they shaped Houston, detailing interlinking marriages, political maneuverings, charitable associations, and business partnerships.

Barnes received civic and professional honors from the National Council on Alcoholism and the Population Institute (an international award), among many others. She also was honored as a 1977 Distinguished BSC Alumna.

On a 2003 Alumni Reunion registration form, she reflected back to her roots, naming Professor of English James Saxon Childers and Greek/Psychology Professor Dr. Edward Myers among her favorite BSC professors. "They were intellectually stimulating," she wrote.

Barnes passed away in December 2005 in Houston at the age of 88.

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## John Howard '41: innovative healer, inspired scholar, mentor to many

Following graduation in chemistry from Birmingham-Southern, where he was president of the student body and elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. John Howard received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

As a young surgeon, this “real-life Trapper John,” as the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* has called him, was a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, with service in Korea. During this time, he organized and directed the U.S. Army’s Surgical Research Team in Korea, a group which developed the operation for repair of arterial injuries, initiating the modern field of peripheral arterial surgery. The team also developed an Acute Renal Failure Center at the 11th U.S. Army’s Evacuation Hospital in Wonju, Korea, to which all U.N. troops with acute renal failure were flown for treatment. For his work in Korea, Howard was awarded the Legion of Merit by the direction of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954. Howard became editor-in-chief of a four-volume report of the work entitled *Battle Casualties in Korea*.

His experiences in Korea served as the foundation for an outstanding medical career and helped him develop, according to one federal agency, “the vision that has become our nation’s emergency medical system.” For a decade, he chaired committees on shock and emergency medical services for the National Research Council. He co-authored the report “Accidental Death and Disability, the Neglected Disease of Modern Society.” He is founder and past president of the American Trauma Society.

Lectures, operative clinics, and other international interests have taken Howard to approximately 80 countries or island groups on all seven continents. He has operated on six continents, in approximately 40 countries. Travels have included operations on the pancreas, and clinics and invited lectures on surgery of the pancreas or systems of emergency trauma care.

Recently interviewed on TV’s The History Channel on the Korean War, he subsequently presented an invitational paper on “Medicine and the Korean War” to the Royal Society of Medicine in London. He also presented “A History of the

Pancreas and its Cancer” at the International Congresses on Pancreas Cancer in Pisa, Italy, in 2003 and in Rome in 2005.

Howard is the author or editor of 400 surgical papers and 12 books, including three editions of *Surgical Diseases of the Pancreas*, of which he was senior editor. He and his colleague, Dr. Hubert Appert, have trained approximately 100 fellows in their research laboratories and many have had distinguished careers throughout the world.

His most recent book, co-authored with Dr. Walter Hess of Zurich, was *History of the Pancreas: Mysteries of a Hidden Organ*, 2002. He currently is completing a biography of Dr. Allen Whipple, a pioneer pancreatic surgeon.

Howard’s outstanding career was marked by Birmingham-Southern in 1987 with a Distinguished Alumni Award.

He and his late wife, Nina Abernathy Howard '42, were married in 1943. They have six children and 10 grandchildren. In January 2002, Howard and Sarah Shepard Rice '40, a distinguished writer and lifelong friend, were married. In addition to Nina and Sarah, Howard’s father, brothers, a son, three uncles, and scores of other family members graduated from BSC.

In May 2006, Howard and his wife returned from Tokyo, where he presented a keynote address and was elected as the first honorary fellow of the Japanese Hepato-Biliary-Pancreatic Society.

He celebrated his 87th birthday in August 2006 and continues to work full-time at the Medical University of Ohio in Toledo, where he is professor of surgery, emeritus.



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## Howell Heflin '42: a judicial giant and Southern gentleman

**H**owell Heflin revolutionized the judicial system in Alabama and served the state politically for more than a quarter of a century.

A conservative Democrat and consistent supporter of civil rights and farmers, Heflin served three terms in the U.S. Senate until his retirement in 1997. Prior to that, he was Alabama Supreme Court Justice for six years.

His most enduring legacy perhaps was leading a state initiative to bring Alabama's inefficient court system into the 20th century during his time as chief justice. His "Judicial Article," placed as an amendment to the Alabama Constitution, served as a national model for a unified state courts system and judicial administration.

Heflin's former Chief of Staff Steve Raby remembers most of all his down-to-earthiness. "He liked to stroll down to McDonald's or Wendy's for his breakfast and lunch," says Raby, "and he was always the same ... whatever environment he was in. He realized the responsibility he carried and never became overly impressed with the prestige of being in Washington. The other senators used to joke with him about the Chevrolet Impala he drove."

After graduating in history from BSC, Heflin became a decorated Marine in World War II before attending the University of Alabama Law School. "He was extremely intelligent and someone that I admired," notes Frank Dominick '41, attorney and BSC Board of Trustees member who attended law school with Heflin.

With a frame of 6-foot-3 and about 250 pounds, Dominick admits Heflin's size could be intimidating to strangers. "He was easy to talk to though and a gifted communicator."

Heflin received many honors during his career, particularly from his alma mater. He was named a winner of the BSC Distinguished Alumni Award in 1973 and received the college's Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree in 1980. The Howell T. Heflin Seminar Room, housed in the college's Rush Learning Center/Miles Library, contains Heflin's favorite photographs and other memorabilia. In addition, an endowed professorship and two pre-law scholarships are established at BSC in his name.

In 2001, his autobiography, *Judge of the Senate: Howell Heflin's Career of Politics and Principle*, was published. Heflin died in March 2005 at the age of 83.

A Tuscumbia, Ala., native and the son of a Methodist minister, Heflin's rich Southern accent could be easily identified. "It was definitely unique," says Raby. "But despite where it came from, he was a great senator and a fine man to know."







## Donald Harrison '54: a doctor at heart

The career and accomplishments of Dr. Donald Harrison, distinguished cardiologist and one of the nation's leading medical authorities, is a testament to the strength of mentoring.

"In high school, I was introduced to medicine by a general practitioner who befriended me and let me follow him on his rounds," says Harrison, who was raised in Blount County, Ala. "I wanted to be just like him."

The mentoring relationship Harrison developed with this rural doctor, plus the help he received from supportive BSC faculty, provided just the boost he needed for his journey in medicine. "I was struggling a bit as a student at Birmingham-Southern," remembers Harrison. "But the time and effort the professors took with me, especially Dr. Charles Blair [chair of Biology Department], really helped. BSC was a real launch to me being accepted to medical school."

Harrison overcame his struggles to graduate Phi Beta Kappa in chemistry. He earned his M.D. degree from UAB and developed his operational skills at Harvard hospitals and the National Institutes of Health. From 1963-86, he was on the faculty of the Stanford University School of Medicine, and, beginning in 1967, he served as chief of cardiology at Stanford University Hospital. He was the medical leader of the team that performed Stanford's first heart transplant. "I've had Noble Prize winners, Hollywood celebrities, and top U.S. business leaders in my care."

An author of seven books and 582 scientific articles and reviews, Harrison has contributed his expertise to vast professional associations over the years. He served as president of the American Heart Association from 1981-82. "That was a huge job," he relates. "I traveled 200 days a year as spokesman and spent a lot of time testifying for Congress."

He was honored by BSC in 1984 as a Distinguished Alumnus and received the college's Honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1995. He also has been active the past 25 years as an entrepreneur of several medical device companies and holds several patents.

For 17 years, he was senior vice president and provost for health affairs at the University of Cincinnati, where he directed four health colleges and three hospitals. However, at age 72, Harrison, who is an emeritus professor, shows no signs of slowing down. He directs a venture capital group which funds development of medical devices. In addition, he's working on another book which he hopes to publish by 2007, this time a 50-year history of medicine.

Not surprisingly, with all of the hearts he's cared for over the years, Harrison spends ample time strengthening his own through swimming and bicycling. "I'm a huge exercise nut."

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## Robert Morgan '56: from preacher to teacher

Bishop Robert Morgan spent 16 years as leader of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. He served the Mississippi area and later the Kentucky area until his retirement in 2000.

His duties as an active bishop included serving as president of the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society and the Southeastern College of Bishops. He was a member of the Board of Discipleship and the General Board of Global Ministry.

He also held the highest position in the United Methodist Church as the presiding bishop over the worldwide United Methodist Church during 1999-2000.

Prior to serving as a church administrator, he served five pastoral positions throughout the North Alabama Conference.

Morgan transitioned from retirement from the boardroom within the church to the classroom at Birmingham-Southern. He has served as bishop in residence at BSC since September 2000.

Following graduation from Birmingham-Southern in religion, Morgan earned a master's of divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. His career primarily included preaching and managing preachers. He also is the author of two published books, *Lift High The Cross* and *Who's Coming to Dinner?*

Today, in his current position as bishop in residence at BSC, Morgan primarily spends his time teaching and spiritually influencing students.

"I enjoy teaching and mentoring students more than anything I've ever done," says Morgan.

He says it is particularly enjoyable because he knows Birmingham-Southern and its values. He teaches about four classes each year and has accepted the role of "sort of a grandfather figure."

To say that Morgan is a grandfather figure is an understatement. He and his wife, Martha, have been married for 48 years. They have four children and nine grandchildren. Morgan proudly boasts about his family and particularly its recent addition, Caroline, his first granddaughter, who was born this past May.

A native of Birmingham, Morgan and his wife now make their home in Vestavia Hills. They also have a home at Lake Junaluska, N.C., where they enjoy spending time alone and with their children and grandchildren.



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## Howell Raines '64: creating a fish story of his life

Pulitzer Prize winner Howell Raines has traveled in plenty of airplanes lately to promote his newly published memoir *The One That Got Away*.

The title alludes to Raines' seven-hour struggle with a marlin on a fishing expedition as well as to his former job as *New York Times* executive editor. The book features prominently late Birmingham-Southern English Professor Richebourg McWilliams as Raines' mentor, and his son, Tennant McWilliams, as Raines' fishing companion who shared the adventure with the marlin. It also includes Raines' fly fishing sketches.

"The book is about getting what you want in the strangest possible way," says Raines, 63, who recently appeared on *The Today Show* to promote the book. "I had a desire to be a full-time book writer very early in my life. So when this 'unexpected event' ended my newspaper career, I had the time to do what I really wanted to do. I quickly realized that of all the things I could have lost, this was the most expendable. I still had my family and health."

After earning his degree in English from BSC, Raines began his journalistic career at the *Birmingham Post-Herald*. He was political editor at the *St. Petersburg Times* from 1976-78 before joining *The New York Times* as a national correspondent. The following year started a string of promotions, which landed Raines at the top nearly 25 years later. Under his leadership,

*The New York Times* won seven Pulitzer's for its coverage of 9/11.

At least three former U.S. presidents, as well as President George W. Bush, know him well. Raines names Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ronald Reagan, and Margaret Thatcher among the most striking personalities he's ever covered. "I don't consider myself a celebrity though," he comments. "I'm surprised that I'm so well known,

since so many of the things I've written about are controversial. My values have always been to create a just society."

Raines grew up in Bush Hills, a once affluent neighborhood adjacent to BSC, at the height of the Civil Rights movement. His classmates include authors Charles Gaines and Sena Jeter Naslund, who have well-received novels. "The uniqueness of BSC is that students are taught to use their minds,"

he says. "We learned that success will flow from that."

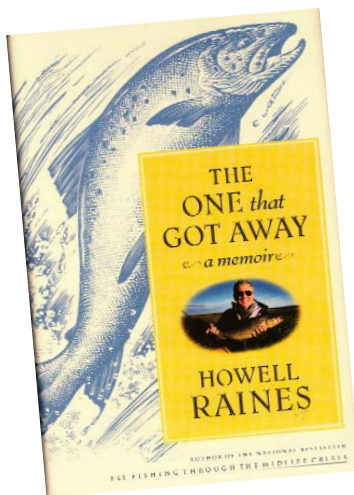
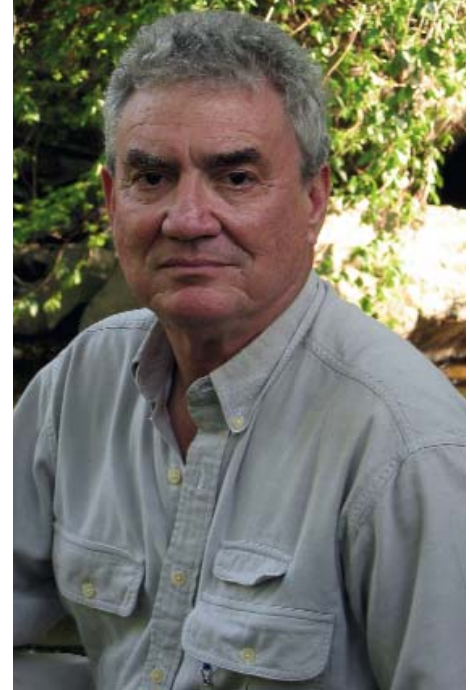
Awarded a Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 1992 for "Grady's Gift," Raines also is the author of *Whiskey Man*, *My Soul is Rested*, and *Fly Fishing Through the Midlife Crisis*. His advice to aspiring journalists is to write a lot and to stay encouraged.

"Except for the geniuses like Hemingway or Faulkner, we all have some bad writing that has to get out of us before we get to the good stuff," he says.

Raines' Polish-born wife, Krystyna, shares his love of writing and fishing. Both are working on books at their Henryville, Pa., home in the Pocono Mountains. His is a Civil War novel set in Alabama and hers is an interpretation of American politics for Europeans.

In addition to writing, Raines is devoted to his two grandchildren and loves to fish, garden, and dabble in watercolor. His ambition now is to write a book for lasting literary merit.

"I've always had a nagging regret that I didn't go down the other road of becoming an author," says Raines. "What once looked like a dead end now has become a doorway to a road not taken."



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## Miles Copeland '66: entertainment mogul creating new audiences world-wide

Legendary entertainment executive Miles Copeland III never seems to run out of fuel when it comes to crafting his dreams into a reality.

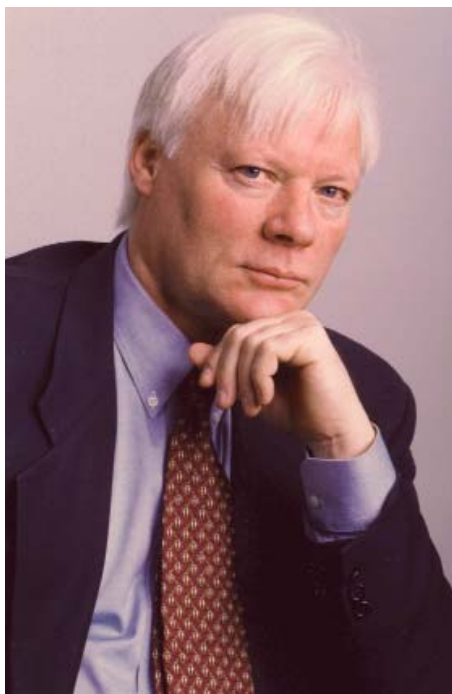
During his 40 years in the music industry, Copeland has worked as an agent, manager, or producer for such Grammy-nominated and multi-platinum artists as The Police, Sting, REM, the Go-Go's, the Bangles, and more. Now, in addition to his promotion of movie star-turned-musician Steven Seagal and other multimedia projects—among them a PBS documentary on Arab music—he's making waves in the U.S. and abroad with his latest creation, a bellydance troupe.

The Bellydance Superstars Tour, composed of 15 attractive and talented American women integrating various dance moves, including Egyptian Oriental, has performed since 2003 in 17 countries and at 370 shows. The troupe also has been featured in a documentary and is joined with a West Coast radio program.

"People don't realize there are more bellydancers in America than in the Middle East," says Copeland. "I see bellydance becoming bigger and bigger and generating more appeal to Arab music, which in turn, provides a resource for musicians to draw from. The art form is interesting to me, and it is unique in that it celebrates beauty, femininity, and sexiness, without it being sexual."

The founder of IRS and Ark 21 records and brother of Stuart Copeland (former drummer for The Police), Copeland was born in London. His father, Miles Copeland Jr. '41, was a CIA agent from Birmingham and his mother was in British intelligence. Having lived throughout the Middle East with his family, Copeland is fluent in French and knows some Arabic.

He attended Birmingham-Southern as a history major to be closer to his father's family, including cousin Diane Copeland



North '65. "Having come from a cosmopolitan upbringing, I found myself at odds with many of my classmates," reminisces Copeland, age 62. "Most of the students I encountered had a different understanding of life outside of Alabama."

He earned his master's in economics at the American University of Beirut in 1969, and, by the time he graduated, had already produced his first concert. "My greatest gifts are recognizing talent and figuring out a way to market it," says Copeland, who has offices in London and Los Angeles. "I'm not a musician, nor a perfectionist, but I know how to think 'outside the box.'"

Copeland's goal now is to use that skill to turn bellydance into a world-wide success, much like Riverdance. "Bellydance is entertaining, but there is another level to it," notes Copeland.

"American ladies are dancing to Middle Eastern music at a time when we are at war with each other. It is helping to bring some common ground between us since the 2001 terrorist attacks. Music has a way to bridge people together."

He's received criticism though from naysayers who think he's exploiting pretty young girls. "I'm committed to promoting the dance troupe on a much higher standard than that," says Copeland. "If I'm going to do something, I'm going to do it right. When I hear the word 'no,' I just don't believe in it." The troupe recently performed in England and will begin another American tour this fall, including a stop in Birmingham.

With the considerable wealth Copeland has accumulated over the years, he admits that he doesn't mind spending some. "I purchased a castle in France, and I splurge on antiques."

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## Sandra Storm '68: continuing push to influence family law



Retired Circuit Judge Sandra Storm left behind her robe, but not her devotion to the importance of family law, in her current work as a mediation specialist and consultant.

Storm, who retired from the bench in the Family Court of Jefferson County in July 2005, established herself as a sole practitioner in December. She left behind one of the most prestigious and storied careers in the Jefferson County courts, particularly for a woman.

Storm graduated from BSC with a degree in English. She earned her juris doctor, cum laude, from Cumberland School of Law in 1978. She first took the bench in 1980 as a district judge in Jefferson County Family Court, where she heard all child abuse and neglect cases for the county until 1989. During this nine-year term, Storm initiated the Early Warning Program to combat school truancy and drop-out.

From 1989 to July 2005, Storm was presiding circuit judge in the Jefferson County Family Court. For 16 years, she presided over the court system with 130 employees and an \$11 million budget and served the public of Jefferson County by implementing 26 programs for children and families by coordinating with local and state agencies. During this service, she also began the first juvenile Drug Court in Alabama and the Gun Court, which was recognized by the U.S. Justice Department as a model program.

Storm continues to work in family law, but outside the courtroom. She works as a mediation specialist in family law cases, as well as a management consultant working on projects with individuals and groups interested in legal systems. She says the transition from the courtroom to the boardroom has been a challenge.

"It has been an adjustment, but not all in a bad way," says Storm. "It has been more of an adjustment going from a highly structured environment to more of a freelance environment."

Storm fondly recalls her college days at Birmingham-Southern and says she has always been devoted to BSC. This year's Sesquicentennial Alumni Reunion weekend was special because she finally located a classmate she had been searching for some 40 years.

"I don't think I could have had the career I've had without my education at 'Southern,'" says Storm.

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## Angela Fisher Hall '82: tending the flame of freedom

Since its opening in 1992, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute has grown and expanded its mission, message, and influence until it has become a beacon to persons struggling to achieve human rights around the world.

As both a museum and research facility, BCRI houses galleries, archives, and interactive exhibitions that faithfully record the courageous story of the Civil Rights movement in Birmingham and attract visitors from across the nation and around the world. Through the institute's special events, children's programs, and more, it continues to encourage dialogue to further its mission of promoting civil and human rights worldwide through education.

As executive assistant to the president of BCRI, Angela Fisher Hall, an art graduate of Birmingham-Southern, has helped nurture the growth of the institute almost from its beginning. Hall joined the staff of BCRI only four months after its opening. With a master's degree in library science, the former employee of Birmingham's Public Central Library came to BCRI as assistant archivist.

There she found a room full of boxes, filled to the top with materials related to the people, places, and events that each told a part of the city's struggle and growth through the movement. "It was really quite exciting," she says, "to confront the challenge of finding the most effective way to preserve the materials and incorporate them into the story we had already prepared for visitors."

After four years in archives work, Hall took on another challenge as she assumed the position of director of education. There, she helped develop outreach programs for presentation in area schools, churches, and other facilities; developed a schedule of regular and changing exhibitions with their

accompanying programs; worked with new staff and students involved in the internship program; and facilitated growth in many areas of the institute's work. As she approached these projects, Hall developed her philosophy of "always looking forward, but remembering the past ... the work of the foot soldiers of the movement ... the important lesson [they taught] that an individual person can make a change. This is a story we must continue to let the world know."

In 2001, Hall became executive assistant to the president of the institute. Among her new duties was the important one of coordinating the efforts to achieve accreditation for the museum with the American Association of Museums. And though this process can sometimes take 10 to 20 years, it was a "crowning touch," she says, "when the institute received its accreditation in July 2005."

In future years at BCRI, Hall hopes to achieve affiliation for the institute with the Smithsonian Institution. Such an affiliation will give BCRI access to the collections of the Smithsonian and directly connect BCRI members and donors to publications of the organization. She also will take an active role in the new \$5 million capital campaign that will allow expansion and new development of the institute's exhibitions and related programs.

"We will complete our civil rights story line," she says, "which now ends in 1968 shortly after the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will bring the resolution of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing case into the story and then focus on the progress made in our community. There is still much work to do."

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## Rebecca Gilman '87: celebrity on the rise

Rebecca Gilman has achieved international recognition as a playwright since beginning her career in theatre. Despite this notoriety, there is still plenty of room at the top and much anticipation for her future.

After graduating from BSC, Gilman earned master's degrees from the University of Virginia and the University of Iowa. She has been named one of 100 people who "represent the future of entertainment" by *Entertainment Weekly* magazine. Her most famous work, *Spinning Into Butter*, is in film adaptation with a prestigious cast including Sarah Jessica Parker, Beau Bridges, Miranda Richardson, and Mykelti Williamson. Gilman herself adapted the play for the screen.

The drama debuted in 1999 at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago, a venue that appears to be a catalyst for continued success of her work.

Another of Gilman's plays, *Dollhouse*, debuted last year at the Goodman Theatre and received rave reviews. Birmingham-Southern student theatre produced and ran its own version of the play as a January Interim project earlier this year. Gilman had to secure special permission for the project from the Goodman.

Gilman says *Dollhouse* is set to appear in New York next spring. She says it is very exciting to see her work on Broadway and soon on the big screen.

Last year, the Eclipse Theatre Company of Chicago selected Gilman as its signature playwright for the 2006 season. In its eighth season of "One Playwright, One Season," the company chooses one writer and offers a variety of their work throughout the season. The 2006 season began in March with one of Gilman's most recent works, *The Sweetest Swing in Baseball*. *Spinning Into Butter* ran this summer, and the season will conclude this fall with a final work that is yet to be determined.

She currently is working on a romance/thriller screenplay set in Wisconsin. Later, she will work on another commission for the Goodman, probably in the next couple of seasons.

In the meantime, she will teach this fall at Northwestern University in a new dramatic writing master's program for theatre, film, and television.



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## Christopher Mosley '91 MPPM: bringing 'old-fashioned' values to healthcare

When Christopher Mosley joined Chesapeake Health in 2005 to replace the organization's retiring leader, the attraction was mutual. Not only was Mosley interested in transforming Chesapeake Health into a nationally renowned



healthcare system, but his proven managerial skills, integrity, and strategic planning abilities positioned him as the top choice for the job.

As president and CEO of the six-agency healthcare group serving southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina, Mosley is responsible for 2,400 employees, 500 physicians, and an operating

budget of \$200 million. The group's anchor, Chesapeake General Hospital, is among the busiest hospitals in Virginia.

Despite the prestige, Mosley's vision revolves mainly around the issue of values. "My focus is on a brand of healthcare that is value-centered, accessible, and high touch, as well as ensuring that the agency is financially viable and accountable," he says. He attributes his family, particularly his grandfather,

for teaching him the values of hard work, honesty, integrity, and honor, traits that are regularly exposed in Mosley's work as a healthcare executive.

After graduating from Alabama State University in accounting, Mosley worked his way up from claims manager at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama to senior UAB healthcare administrator to his successful past tenure as chief operating officer of St. Anthony's Hospitals in Denver. "I learned from all my career experiences—the triumphs and the challenges—and pushed forward to become CEO of a great community healthcare institution, Chesapeake Health," he says.

Mosley was employed at Blue Cross & Blue Shield while in the Master of Arts in Public and Private Management program at BSC. "The program refined my analytical, interpersonal, and teamwork skills," he says. "It was a rich experience with great professors and a nurturing environment."

He recently was selected as one of the Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare by *Modern Healthcare*. The magazine cited among many things his efforts for assisting in the development of other African-American healthcare executives. Mosley also is involved with numerous professional and civic boards. He is president of the National Association of Health Services Executives, which provides mentoring opportunities for career professionals. In 2003, he was named their Young Healthcare Executive of the Year.

Mosley was born in Cleveland prior to his family's move to a close-knit farming community outside Birmingham. He grew up as the only child of a single mother. "My mom spent more than 20 years working as an aide at Druid City Hospital and in nursing homes," says Mosley. "Without a doubt, she was my greatest inspiration for joining this profession."

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## Susan Crow '92: making a home for the heart in service to others



Rev. Susan Crow understands the importance of a strong and sturdy home. In Johnson City, Tenn., where she lives with her husband, Eric Obermiller, and their toddler son, Isaac, the Appalachian winter is harsh, and many families, struggling with low incomes, are hard pressed to shelter their families in the housing available to them. In this world of need, however, Crow, with an optimism born of years of leadership in ministries of service, sees extraordinary opportunity.

Since May 2002, Crow has served as executive director of Appalachia Service Project, a 36-year-old Christian ministry that seeks to foster human development by addressing the housing needs of Central Appalachia. Since 1969, ASP has repaired more than 11,000 Central Appalachian homes of families in need with the help of more than 225,000 volunteers. Last year, nearly 15,000 youth volunteers and their accompanying adults came from 22 states and the District of Columbia to repair over 400 homes in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Under Crow's leadership, ASP's Summer Home Repair program has grown to serve 25 Central Appalachian communities and an increasing number of volunteers, while offering important leadership experiences to more than 100 mostly college-age summer staff members who serve each year. In addition to offering home repairs at no charge to low-income families, ASP presents the opportunity for transformational life experiences to its thousands of youth and adult volunteers.

"My call to ministry," Crow says, "is rooted in helping disenfranchised and disempowered people find their voices. I earnestly believe that each of us is a person of dignity and worth with a positive contribution to make to our world."

Before assuming her duties at ASP, Crow was the director of Denver Urban Ministries in Colorado. During this time, she also served as chaplain for the Colorado State Senate and as a founding member and board officer for Housing Justice, a group devoted to mobilizing faith communities to work for affordable housing. She also devoted energy to other ministries, including Colorado Anti-Hunger Network, Capital Hill United Ministries, and All Families Deserve a Chance Coalition.

A sociology graduate of BSC, Crow holds a master's degree from the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work and a master's in divinity from the Iliff School of Theology. In 1998, she served as the founding director of Grace by Day, a shelter serving homeless and low-income people in the Woodlawn neighborhood of Birmingham. She is an ordained elder in the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Looking to the future, she hopes to increase the number of Appalachian families served by ASP each year by increasing the number of volunteers who can be linked to service projects, not just in the summer months, but year-round.

She also looks forward to serving her alma mater as chair of a new committee of the Birmingham-Southern Alumni Board, to be called "Service Learning/Lifelong Service." The goal of this group is twofold: first to help the BSC alumni community understand and support the work of the Service-Learning program at the college, and also to help service-oriented alumni network in meaningful ways across the country and around the world.

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## Christopher Thomaskutty '99: leading efforts to improve Baltimore public schools

Christopher Thomaskutty takes his education from Birmingham-Southern to work each day. He strives to impact the public—first in Birmingham immediately following graduation, and currently in Baltimore, Md.

Thomaskutty graduated magna cum laude from Birmingham-Southern with a degree in political science. He then served as the urban development coordinator for Operation New Birmingham, where he focused on redeveloping historic downtown buildings into loft apartments.

Later, he earned a master's degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he met his wife, Hilary Roxe. Today, Thomaskutty works for Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley.

As director of school improvement, Thomaskutty leads the city's efforts to improve the management and maintenance of facilities for Baltimore's 195 public schools and 87,000 students.

Thomaskutty says that he loves his work and finds it very rewarding. It is important to note, he says, that Baltimore does not have direct control of its public school system, and, until the past year, has employed a somewhat "hands-off" approach to its schools. The school system is run by a board comprised of appointed officials. His task is to improve conditions of buildings and facilities in order to create a better learning environment for students.

The former Truman Scholar says he believes there is a direct connection between what he studied at Birmingham-Southern and his work.

"The greatest benefit of my liberal arts education is the service-learning," says Thomaskutty. "It teaches you to understand public problems and involvement in the community. That is what I value most."

He and his wife love Baltimore. He says it reminds him of the South in many ways. He also enjoys working with the team in the mayor's office. In 2005, Thomaskutty was on the BSC campus to deliver the keynote address at the college's annual Honors Day.

Recently, Thomaskutty's parents returned to Alabama and now live in Decatur. His sister is the head women's basketball coach at Emory University in Atlanta. He hopes having his family back in the state will afford more opportunities for future visits to his alma mater.



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## Alumni leaders in higher education

Birmingham-Southern has had a number of alumni serve as college presidents throughout its 150-year history. Among the BSC alumni known to have served as college presidents were:

### **Dr. Ralph Adams '37**

Troy University, 1964-88  
(Late Chancellor Emeritus)



*Adams*

### **Dr. Robert Bottoms '66**

DePauw University, 1986 to the present



*Bottoms*



*Hearn*

### **Dr. Harvie Branscomb '14**

Vanderbilt University, 1945-63  
(Late Chancellor)

### **Dr. Thomas Hearn '59**

Wake Forest University, 1983-2005  
(currently President Emeritus)



*Johnson*



*Vail*

### **Dr. Joseph Johnson '55**

University of Tennessee, 1991-99  
Currently President Emeritus; Interim President,  
August 2003 through June 2004

### **E.B. (Ethelbert) Norton '23**

University of North Alabama, 1948-72  
(Late President Emeritus)

### **Dr. Jack Phillips '60**

Union College, 1983-96  
(Currently President Emeritus)

### **Dr. Cecil Robbins '31**

Louisburg College, 1955-75  
(Late President Emeritus)

### **Dr. Ralph Tanner '54**

Birmingham-Southern, 1972-76  
Baker University, 1979-87  
(Currently President Emeritus)

### **Dr. Charles Vail '45**

Winthrop University, 1973-82  
(Currently Distinguished Professor  
of Higher Education)



*Tanner*

### **Dr. Frederick Whiddon '52**

University of South Alabama, 1963-98  
(Late President Emeritus)

## Alumni Reunion 2006

### Hundreds “Come on Home” for Sesquicentennial Reunion

More than 1,000 alumni, faculty, staff, students, and children joined together to celebrate the college's 150th anniversary May 5-7 during Alumni Reunion Weekend 2006. It was a weekend filled with family activities, alumni receptions, mini-college presentations, class gatherings, and more, and all topped off with a fantastic fireworks display plus dinner and a band party on the academic quad.

Friday kicked off with an alumni and friends golf tournament and included a Golden Decades Luncheon for the classes of 1924-1956. A President's Reception followed that afternoon at the home of BSC President David Pollick and his wife, Karen Bentley Pollick. That evening the classes of 1956 and 1986 celebrated with class reunion parties, and the Hilltop Singers gave a reunion performance.

Saturday was filled with family fun, from a children's art camp and youth sports clinics to a “Let's Get Rowdy” festival featuring moon jumps, face painting, games, and a dunking booth. Mini-College presentations featured faculty and staff Saturday morning. There was an art exhibit and book signing by Don Stewart '81 in the Stephens Science Center. There also were receptions for sororities and fraternities, the Black Student Union, MPPM graduates, Adult Studies alumni, former SGA presidents, the *Hilltop News* staff, and the 'Southern Stars.

The grand finale of the weekend was dinner on the grounds followed by a Sesquicentennial fireworks display and a concert by the band “Party Nation.”



**Slam-dunk**—BSC President David Pollick took his turn in the dunking booth during Saturday's festival.



**Student/teacher memories**—BSC Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Dr. O.C. Weaver '35 enjoyed seeing former students, among them Nena Berry Biddle '51.



**An honorary meal**—Dinner on the grounds topped off a weekend of reunion activities for honor classes ending in 1's and 6's as well as all those in between.





**Smiling faces**—Among those who helped with reunion were (from left) Bobby Whetstone '55; Betty Dowda '63; Bob Dowda '63; Patti Stanford '62; Buddy Stanford '63; Martha Ross '62, vice president of reunion on the alumni board; Bob Ross, and Pam Bakane '86.



## Presidential greeting

—President Pollick addressed a group of almost 500 at a dinner on the academic quad, announcing a \$50,000 Annual Fund challenge by BSC Trustee Dr. Pete Bunting '66 and kicking off the fireworks to celebrate the grand finale of the college's Sesquicentennial year celebration.



**Nurturing friendships**—Friends Willa Forrest '01 and Emily Hand '90 enjoy seeing each other again.



**Mentoring in art**—BSC alumna Jamie Hyche Kolb '01 led a children and youth art camp on Saturday during reunion.



**A family affair**—Adults and children alike came home to the Hilltop for the Sesquicentennial celebration.



**Might as well jump**—The moon jump and other inflatables were among the favorite attractions at the festival on Saturday.



## Q&amp;A

## An interview with BSC's new national Alumni Association president



Lockwood

**Editor's Note:** 'Southern magazine recently spoke with Julie Van Valkenburgh Lockwood '92 of Huntsville about her new role as national Alumni Association president, the value of a BSC education, and the Alumni Association's goals. Lockwood began serving her term June 1. She is married to Robert C. Lockwood '92 and they are the parents of two boys.

### What created your interest in leading the BSC Alumni Association?

I served on the BSC Alumni Board as a class president for many years and had always asked the most questions. Before I knew it, I had been tapped to serve as its next president.

### What was your involvement on the BSC campus as a student?

I joined Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and served in many leadership positions, including administrative vice president. I also served as an SGA representative, Triangle Club member, and staff writer for *The Hilltop News*. In addition, I was a work-study for the Business Department. My major was private and public management. Since that major was not designated by the college, I had to have it approved by the faculty.

### Once you graduated, what made you want to stay involved as an alum?

I have always felt that I received a great education at Birmingham-Southern. Once I settled back into my community, I began to see high school students making their college choices. Many students, who I believed would make great additions to the BSC campus, were not heading to 'Southern, and I felt that I needed to accept a role to change that.

### What's on your agenda for your first year and down the road?

Along with the executive board, we hope to implement the restructured Alumni Association at BSC that was designed last year. We have developed an arm of the association to focus on servant leadership and a larger section to help with Alumni Reunion, which was a blast this year! We also are establishing improved communication between the college and the Alumni Association so that we can provide better mentorship for students. Down the road, we hope to open up alumni spots during the college's Interim and recruitment travels.

### Where has your career taken you since graduation?

I have been selling residential real estate since the age of 20, which is the youngest age you can be licensed. I've worked as the relocation director for my family's real estate company, Van Valkenburgh & Wilkinson Realtors in Huntsville, since 1997. I am a licensed broker associate and a graduate of the Real Estate Institute. In addition, I've earned a Certified Residential Specialist designation.

### What unique strengths or professional experience do you feel you bring to the association?

Being in the real estate field, I deal regularly with people from all walks of life. Plus, I've served on many nonprofit boards in Huntsville. I like to hear all the ideas and get people talking, as well as keep individuals on task with assignments. Great ideas often come out of conversations and debates.

### What do you feel sets our association apart from alumni organizations of other colleges or universities?

I believe the college's urban location and our affiliation with the United Methodist Church make us both strong and humble. I also feel that we have superior alumni because of the education we received at BSC and the caring atmosphere that's fostered here. Students receive great instruction academically and are taught life lessons as well.

### What opportunities or challenges face the Alumni Association—short-term or long-term?

This year has already proven to be quite a challenge. There is a lot of change going on that we all have to adjust to. We need to establish better communication between the college and its alumni. But the good thing is that the school is still here and it still provides a great education. We have to press on.



## Get connected with BSC AlumNet

Would you like to find out what your college friends are doing today? Would you like to re-connect with old friends? Birmingham-Southern College alumni now are able to connect with each other through BSC's new online community and stay in touch over time. This special program provides among other services:

- an online alumni directory that allows alums of BSC to search for classmates and Hilltop friends,
- a permanent BSC e-mail address for alumni,
- the option to register and make credit card reservations online for college events, and
- a quick and easy way to make gifts online.

Use your personal password linking you to your alma mater and your college friends. We hope that BSC AlumNet will help to strengthen the ties that were established during your years at Birmingham-Southern. Visit BSC AlumNet at [www.bsc.edu/alumnet](http://www.bsc.edu/alumnet).

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### Recent alumna named assistant director of alumni affairs

Amanda Warren, a Florence native and 2004 Birmingham-Southern graduate, has been named assistant director of alumni affairs at the college.

She formerly served as community director at the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, where she was a fundraiser and event planner. Prior to that position, she was an assistant media buyer at Rindy Miller Media in Austin, Texas, where she managed television and radio advertising purchases during the 2004 political campaign season.

Her past experience also has included retail sales, grant writing, and serving as an intern for Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby in Washington, D.C. At BSC, she majored in political science and was a cum laude graduate.



*Warren*

## BSC honors distinguished alumni at college's Honors Day

Birmingham-Southern honored its 2006 Distinguished Alumni at a Legacy Luncheon in conjunction with the college's annual Honors Day Thursday, April 27.

The 2006 Birmingham-Southern Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are Dr. Kenneth W. Bramlett of Mountain Brook, Martha Jane Patton of Birmingham, and Margaret Enslen Sherrill of Riverchase.

Bramlett, a 1977 BSC graduate, is an orthopaedic surgeon and partner with Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Clinic of Alabama. Patton, a 1968 BSC graduate, is an attorney and serves as executive director of Legal Aid Society of Birmingham. Sherrill, a 1951 BSC graduate, is a medical technologist with posts including Simon-Williamson Clinic and Baptist Princeton Hospital.

Honors Day is a celebration of the year's academic accomplishments at Birmingham-Southern. Distinguished alumni, both past and present, were recognized this year.

Since 1965, 108 Birmingham-Southern alumni have received the Distinguished Alumni Award for their professional and personal accomplishments.



*The 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are (from left) Martha Jane Patton, Dr. Kenneth W. Bramlett, and Margaret Enslen Sherrill.*

## reunion

### Alumni Reunion 2007 dates set!

Join classmates and friends for Alumni Reunion 2007 at Birmingham-Southern College.

Friday, April 27 – Sunday, April 29, 2007

Don't wait—Make your travel plans and hotel reservations today.

Alumni Reunion Weekend is for *all* BSC alumni. We look forward to seeing you.

Look for more information in upcoming issues of 'Southern.





## ‘Bunting Challenge’ helps boost college’s Annual Fund, reunion giving

A generous challenge gift from Birmingham-Southern alumnus Dr. Peter D. Bunting has helped boost the college’s Annual Fund for fiscal 2005, including increased giving by reunion classes.

Bunting, a 1966 BSC graduate and a plastic surgeon with Bunting Plastic Surgery Clinic in Birmingham, announced at the college’s Sesquicentennial celebration during Alumni Reunion Weekend May 6 a dollar-for-dollar challenge match of up to \$50,000 to all alumni who made new or increased gifts to the Annual Fund before the end of the fiscal year May 31.

The longtime BSC Trustee specifically challenged those alumni celebrating reunions during Alumni Reunion Weekend May 5-7.

“Our college rises to challenges—we jump on board to do the right thing,” said Bunting at the time he announced the challenge. “The media told our story to the world in recent weeks. I am proud of my college. Now is the time to show that pride. In reunion years, alums at other colleges step up in amazing numbers to make a statement with their gifts to the annual fund. As a trustee, I know we are behind our competitors in Annual Fund giving and reunion gifts. I know we need to grow fast. I wanted to find a way to share my urgency and get others to jump on board. This Sesquicentennial year is the time to begin.”

And join him is just what BSC alumni did. From May 5 to May 31, more than 650 alumni made new or increased unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund totaling \$124,606 to successfully meet the Bunting Challenge. The contributions also raised the alumni giving percentage for the year by 5.5 percent in only one month’s time.

“Giving to the Annual Fund is the most powerful way to support the college,” said Maggie McDonald, director of annual giving. “Rankings such as those by *U.S. News & World Report* look at annual alumni giving when factoring their rankings each year. We are extremely pleased with how our alumni responded to Dr. Bunting’s tremendous challenge and we know this enthusiasm and support of Birmingham-Southern will boost our giving to the Annual Fund to even greater levels during this current fiscal year.”

The Bunting Challenge also helped increase reunion class giving this year, said McDonald. “Reunion gifts are a major driver in any successful college annual fund program,” she said.

Birmingham-Southern exceeded its goal of \$305,000 in total giving for all reunion classes this year. In addition, the classes of 1941, 1966, and 1971 exceeded their unrestricted class goals, and the classes of 1936, 1941, 1966, and 1981 exceeded their total giving class goals. The 50th reunion class—the Class of 1956—reached 97 percent class participation. Overall, reunion class participation was 49 percent.

## Gifts from BSC parents result in record-breaking year

Parents of Birmingham-Southern students have made a huge gesture of support during the past several months about the education their sons and daughters are receiving.

Gifts to this year’s Parents Fund at BSC have resulted in the most successful campaign in recent years with more than \$48,000 committed or pledged toward general college support and scholarships.

“We’re extremely pleased that so many parents were willing to ‘dig a little deeper’ this year to support the Parents Fund,” expressed Jim and Rasie Miller of Vestavia Hills, co-chairs of BSC’s 2005-06 Parents Fund and the parents of Ellen Miller, a sophomore undecided major and the college’s yearbook editor.

The Millers worked with parent volunteers who, through telephone solicitation and written appeals, asked fellow parents to join them in making a gift to BSC.

“As parents, we are truly blessed to be able to say, ‘My child attends Birmingham-Southern College,’” said Rasie. Bert and Carolyn Eichold of Mobile, parents of Samuel Eichold, a junior undecided major, also served as co-chairs of this year’s campaign.

The Parents Fund was established at Birmingham-Southern more than 25 years ago to give parents of current students an opportunity to assist annually with needs of the college and to directly support their child’s educational experience. All students benefit from the Parents Fund.

The largest amount previously raised for the Parents Fund was just over \$27,000 in 2004 with 102 families participating. Some 258 families participated in this year’s fund drive, which was started with a goal of raising \$25,000 (or approximately 150 families @ \$150 each in honor of Birmingham-Southern’s 150th anniversary) and ended with more than \$48,000 raised.

Gifts to the Parents Fund over the years have supported a wide range of programs and facilities, including the campus installation of blue light assistance phones, the Speech Center, construction of the Elton B. Stephens Science Center, the Foreign Languages Lab, library technology, and the Writing Center. The campaign takes place annually from October through mid-spring.

Gifts to this year’s Parents Fund were designated for the Annual Fund and unrestricted use.

“Beginning with the 2005-06 academic year, the college placed a new emphasis on building the Annual Fund program at Birmingham-Southern,” said Maggie McDonald, director of annual giving at BSC. “The Annual Fund provides unrestricted income to support all operations of the college, mainly student scholarships and faculty support. Therefore, the money raised by the Parents Fund and designated to the Annual Fund will have an immediate impact upon current BSC students. This also appears to be a more attractive option for parent donors since this year’s campaign raised more money than ever before.”

For more information about the Parents Fund, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 205/226-7737 or toll-free at 800-523-5793, extension 7737. Some employers have matching gift programs which could at least double contributions to Birmingham-Southern and the Parents Fund.

Parents interested in volunteering should contact the Millers at 205/942-6701.

# That's the Power of *ONE*...

We've always heard you change the world one step at a time, one gift at a time. The power of one gift that you make changes not only the institution where you give, but it changes you.

- Remember that *ONE* class that challenged the way you think?
- Remember that *ONE* professor who spent countless hours helping you grasp a new idea?
- Remember that *ONE* service-learning project that helped you realize your gifts and how you can share them with the world?
- Remember when you met that *ONE* friend who still holds your heart?

What if there was *ONE* thing *you* could do to ensure BSC continues changing the world? Your unrestricted annual contribution provides Birmingham-Southern with the flexibility to meet the needs of our students, faculty, and programs, including scholarship assistance and faculty salaries. Your *ONE* gift truly makes a difference.

Over the course of the year, we are going to be sharing with you the power of *ONE* school—your school. Birmingham-Southern's students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends are changing the world one person at a time, and have been doing so for 150 years. We invite you to rethink the impact of *ONE* gift—your gift—to BSC.

Never underestimate the power of *ONE*.



To give to the BSC Annual Fund, give online at [www.bsc.edu/egiving](http://www.bsc.edu/egiving). For more information, contact **Maggie McDonald**, director of annual giving, at 205/226-7737 or [mmcdonal@bsc.edu](mailto:mmcdonal@bsc.edu).



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## Birmingham-Southern trustees vote to seek reclassification of intercollegiate athletics program

The Birmingham-Southern Board of Trustees voted May 26 to seek permission from the NCAA to reclassify its intercollegiate athletics program from Division I to non-scholarship Division III beginning with the 2007-08 academic year.

The board's vote came after the first internal review and assessment of the athletics program since the college applied for membership in NCAA Division I in 1999.

Chairman of the Board James T. Stephens said at the time that Birmingham-Southern would seek reclassification from the NCAA prior to June 1. The college would continue to compete at the Division I level in the 2006-07 academic year. He also said the college would revive a football program that last fielded a team in 1939, with preliminary plans to begin play in fall 2007.

Stephens cited financial and philosophical considerations for the reclassification.

"The board has a legal responsibility to examine all of the college's programs to determine mission fit and financial impact on the institution," said Stephens. "Obviously one of the things you consider in such a study after seven years is if Division I is indeed the right fit for an institution of our size, of our academic mission and quality, and of our financial resources.

"The financial performance of our intercollegiate athletics program is substantially below the expectations set when the board approved the move to NCAA Division I."

Stephens said the board also considered whether Division I participation was compatible with the college's mission and

profile. He said the board looked at institutions within the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference during the review. Ten of the 11 institutions in the SCAC house Phi Beta Kappa chapters, as does BSC, and most are ranked among the top 50 liberal arts institutions in the nation in such rankings as *U.S. News & World Report*. BSC's enrollment also is similar to most of the SCAC institutions.

Stephens said that Birmingham-Southern would seek membership in the SCAC, which includes such schools as Sewanee, Rhodes College, Centre College, DePauw University, Trinity University, and Millsaps College.

BSC President Dr. David Pollick said that all current Birmingham-Southern student-athletes on athletic scholarship will remain on athletic scholarship until they complete their eligibility and that incoming freshman student-athletes will remain on athletic scholarship through their junior year. In their last year, the college's Financial Aid Services Office will work with them to determine their qualifications for need-based and merit financial aid.

Prior to seeking NCAA Division I status in 1999, Birmingham-Southern had spent the previous 46 years as a member of the NAIA, including two national championships in basketball and one in baseball.

"Our board is committed to achieving the same level of excellence at the national level of Division III," said Pollick.



The 2006 Big South women's golf champions (from left to right) are Jordan Hardy, Lauren Dodge, Emily Klein, Head Coach Michele Drinkard, Jill Stupiansky, and Alyson Mitchell.

### Women's golf captures its first Big South Championship title

The Birmingham-Southern women's golf team capped off a memorable 2005-06 season by claiming its first-ever Big South Conference Championship April 12 at Bent Brook Golf Course in nearby McCalla.

Under the direction of third-year Head Coach Michele Drinkard, the Panthers led from start to finish and fashioned a Big South Championship record score of 889 (301-298-290) in the 54-hole event.

Four of the five Panthers competing finished in the top-10, led by junior Jill Stupiansky of Lakewood, Ohio, who finished third after shooting a 2-under 70 in the final round. Freshman Alyson Mitchell of Troy tied for fifth, while sophomore Emily Klein of Brecksville,

Ohio, and freshman Jordan Hardy of Sylacauga tied for seventh.

Klein and Drinkard captured Big South Player and Coach of the Year honors, respectively, while Stupiansky was named the Big South Scholar Athlete of the Year. Joining Klein and Stupiansky on the All-Big South team were Hardy and Mitchell.

The win marked the second tourney victory of the season for the Panthers and their fifth finish of second or better.

The Panthers earned a berth in the NCAA Central Regional May 11-13 at Texas A&M University, becoming the third BSC team in three years to reach NCAA postseason play.





## Birmingham-Southern becomes 12th member of the SCAC

Birmingham-Southern was unanimously confirmed as the 12th member of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) in a vote of the league's presidents June 7.

The membership was contingent upon a favorable decision by the NCAA this summer in regards to Birmingham-Southern's request for reclassification from NCAA Division I to NCAA Division III.

The SCAC, originally known as the College Athletic Conference upon its formation in 1962, is comprised of some of the most prestigious liberal arts colleges and universities in the nation.

"The addition of Birmingham-Southern College signals a message from our presidents that we are committed to providing an athletics environment for student-athletes that reflects two important aspects—a first-class liberal arts education and the opportunity to compete with similar colleges and universities at the Division III level," said SCAC commissioner Steve Argo. "We are excited about the conference gaining Birmingham-Southern as our 12th member and we look forward to a long and lasting membership."

"The Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference is comprised of some of the most prestigious liberal arts colleges and universities in the nation, so we believe this is a natural fit for Birmingham-

Southern College," said BSC President Dr. David Pollick. "This is a group of institutions among which we belong in terms of our academic mission and our intercollegiate athletics program. Our scholar-athletes can compete on the playing fields and courts while at the same time preparing for extraordinary careers."

"The SCAC is one of the premier Division III athletic conferences in the nation, and we are honored to have been invited to join this league and compete against some outstanding academic institutions," said BSC Director of Athletics Joe Dean Jr. "There is no question that the other 11 schools in the SCAC represent the best of what intercollegiate athletics is all about, and we are very pleased to be associated with them as we transition into NCAA Division III."

BSC joins Colorado College in Colorado Springs and Austin College in Sherman, Texas, as the newest members of the league. Austin College will begin full participation in 2006-07 while Colorado College will participate in specific sports for the 2006-07 academic year with full participation beginning in 2007-08.

Other members of the SCAC include Centre College in Danville, Ky., DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind., Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss., Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Ga., Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., Sewanee University in Sewanee, Tenn., Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Birmingham-Southern currently sponsors 13 of the 19 sports that are part of the conference lineup—baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's golf, softball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's tennis and volleyball.

## T.B. Pearson Hall of Fame/Weight Room opens

The newest addition to Birmingham-Southern's athletic facilities, the T.B. Pearson Hall of Fame/Weight Room facility officially opened in January.

Located on the south side of Bill Battle Coliseum, the two-story facility contains the weight room on the bottom floor and the Hall of Fame Room on the second floor, which can be accessed by the coliseum concourse.

The weight room facility houses top-of-the-line strength and cardiovascular training equipment for BSC's student-athletes and an office for the strength and conditioning coach.

Upstairs in the Hall of Fame, visitors can find photographs and biographical sketches of past Panther inductees, as well as league and

national championship trophies. The room, which also will be used to host banquets, recruiting visits, and special occasions, features seating for 80 people, a projection screen, a state-of-the-art sound system, and murals of current BSC student-athletes.

The facility is named for the late Theodore B. "T.B." Pearson, longtime superintendent of education in Washington County and a 1926 graduate and former student-athlete of the college. Pearson, a former baseball player and coach at BSC, was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in 1993.

The \$1 million facility was made possible by a generous donation from the T.B. Pearson family and BSC Athletic Foundation funds.



*Visitors to the dedication of the T.B. Pearson Sports Hall of Fame Room at Birmingham-Southern look over some of the 135 student-athlete plaques located in the facility.*

## Joey Jones tabbed to revive Birmingham-Southern football program

Birmingham-Southern has hired former University of Alabama star and Mountain Brook High School coach Joey Jones as head football coach, reviving a program that has remained dormant since 1939.

Widely considered one of the top coaches in the Alabama high school ranks, Jones fashioned a 13-year career record of 125-38. He compiled a 101-27 ledger over the past 10 years at Birmingham's Mountain Brook High School, a program that had nine consecutive losing seasons prior to his arrival. Jones directed the Spartans to a playoff berth in each of his 10 seasons, including a Class 6A State Championship runner-up finish in 1996, a pair of semifinal appearances (2002, 2004), three quarterfinal appearances (1998, 1999, 2003), and four region titles (1996, 1999, 2002, 2003).

Prior to his stint at MBHS, Jones registered a 24-11 mark in three seasons at Dora High School.

A Mobile, Ala., native, Jones was an All-SEC wide receiver for legendary head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant at the University of Alabama from 1980-83. He was selected to Alabama's All-Decade team for the 1980s and ranks third on the Crimson Tide's all-time touchdown reception chart. Jones played professionally for the Birmingham Stallions of the USFL and the NFL's Atlanta Falcons.

BSC, the newest member of NCAA Division III's Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference, is expected to begin play on the gridiron in the fall of 2007.

"We felt that the best coach and the best person to start our new football program and lead us into Division III competition was right here in Birmingham," said BSC President Dr. David Pollick. "Joey Jones has excelled as a college player and he has excelled as a coach,

and Birmingham-Southern is excited that he has accepted the challenge of bringing exciting and successful football back to our campus."

"In identifying the best coach to lead our football program, our first and only choice was Joey Jones," BSC Athletics Director Joe Dean Jr., said. "Joey was an overachiever as a player and brought that competitive spirit to his coaching. We are all very excited that he has chosen to build our program to one that I know will be of championship quality in the years ahead."

Jones and his wife, Elise, have three children: Joe, 20, Jake, 18, and Caroline, 11.

Prior to World War II, BSC competed in football for 22 seasons from 1918-39, recording an all-time mark of 87-80-16. The Panthers were Dixie Conference Champions in 1932, 1934, and 1937.

The 1934 Panthers turned in the school's most successful season, winning the Dixie Conference title with a perfect 9-0 mark, which included a season-opening 7-0 win over Auburn. BSC won its final two games in '39, including a 9-6 win over archrival Howard College (now Samford) in the season finale.

Jones becomes the fifth coach in Panther football history, joining Baby Haynes (1918), Charlie Brown (1919-1923), Harold "Red" Drew (1924-27), and the all-time winningest coach in BSC history, Jenks Gillem (1928-39). Gillem was 51-43-8 in 12 seasons.



*New BSC Football Coach Joey Jones addresses the media and fans during a June 19 press conference.*

## Seven inducted into Birmingham-Southern Sports Hall of Fame

The Birmingham-Southern Sports Hall of Fame grew by seven names in the spring as four former athletes, two contributors, and a national championship team were inducted into the 2006 class on May 20.

Inducted were David Daniels (men's basketball, 1978), Marguerite "Wita" Harbert (contributor, 1944), Lee Ann Massey (women's tennis, 2000), David May (baseball, 1995), Dr. Rob Moxley (contributor), Harold Pickel (men's basketball coach, 1959), and the 2001 NAIA National Championship Baseball Team.

An NAIA All-District performer in 1978, Daniels is one of the most prolific rebounders in the history of BSC men's basketball. In just two seasons with the Panthers, Daniels ranks second in career rebounds and third in rebounds per game. He was awarded the Bill Burch Most Inspirational Player award following his senior season.

From her time as a student to present day, Harbert has been a longtime supporter and is recognized as the pacesetter of women's athletics on the Hilltop. One of BSC's most generous benefactors, Harbert serves on the executive and athletic affairs committees of the Board of Trustees. The current business and education building on the Academic Quad, the Marguerite Jones Harbert Building, was opened in 1988.

A four-year letter winner, Massey was a two-time tennis All-American from 1997-2000. For her efforts on the courts, Massey was named the 2000 BSC Female Athlete of the Year.

One of the most successful pitchers in Panther baseball annals, May recorded the second-most wins in history (28) from 1992-95. During his senior season, not only did May record the third most single-season wins, but he held the unique distinction of defeating three No. 1 teams in the same season—Auburn (NCAA I), Delta State (NCAA II), and Dallas Baptist (NAIA).

Moxley served as the Panthers' athletic director from 1982-93, and, during that span, was responsible for hiring the most successful four-some in BSC history—Preston Goldfarb (men's soccer), Joe Dean Jr. (men's basketball), Duane Reboul (men's basketball), and Brian Shoop (baseball). Moxley also has served BSC athletics as a radio announcer and through his current spot as men's basketball public address announcer.

A standout on the hardwood, Pickel was captain of the 1959 men's basketball team and once scored 25 points in a 60-59 loss to Southeastern Conference power LSU. Pickel returned to serve his alma mater as head men's basketball coach from 1963-70, and, during that time, was responsible for reinstituting baseball as a varsity sport in 1967.

The 2001 baseball team completed perhaps one of the most successful seasons in Panther athletic history by going 55-11 and winning the program's first NAIA National Championship in its final season of NAIA competition.



## Winter and spring sports recaps



### Panthers turn in remarkable 2005-06 men's basketball campaign

Despite the loss of 10 lettermen and being picked sixth in the preseason Big South Conference poll, the 2005-06 Birmingham-Southern men's basketball team still managed to finish second in the Big South Conference regular season standings with a 12-4 conference record and a 19-9 mark overall. A Bill Battle Coliseum record crowd of 2,453 witnessed the Panthers lose a hard-fought contest to eventual league champion Winthrop in late February. Head Coach Duane Reboul was named Big South Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons and he picked up career win No. 400 on Feb. 11 in a home victory over High Point.

*(Top photo) Duane Reboul was named Big South Men's Basketball Coach of the Year for 2005-06. (Bottom photo) A Bill Battle Coliseum record crowd witnessed the Feb. 25 men's basketball game against Winthrop.*



Hodge

### Hodge makes strides in initial women's basketball season

In Head Coach Brad Hodge's first season at the helm of the Birmingham-Southern women's basketball team, he faced a tough road and a tough schedule, guiding the Panthers to a 12-16 overall record and a 6-8 mark in the Big South Conference. In addition to league road contests, the Panthers traveled to Lawrence, Kan., to face Kansas and New Orleans; to Texas to play Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Alcorn State; to Starkville, Miss., to battle Mississippi State; and to Savannah, Ga., to face Savannah State. The Panthers earned the No. 6 seed in the 2006 Big South Tournament and traveled to face No. 3 Coastal Carolina, where they fell to the Lady Chanticleers to end the season.

### Rifle squad claims second straight SEARC title

Head Coach Sam Gladden and the Birmingham-Southern Air-Rifle team wrapped up another successful year, claiming the school's second straight and third overall SEARC Conference crown in Charleston, S.C., in February. Senior Dawn Stanfield from Clanton finished second overall in the final conference standings with a 666.5 average. Freshman Nakita Dees from Maplesville finished third with a 663.25 average score. The Panthers posted a 44-18 overall record, winning three of four SEARC matches and dual matches against Tennessee-Martin and UAB.

*Senior Dawn Stanfield led the Panthers to another conference title.*





## Future looks bright for men's golf

The 2005-06 men's golf team saw a pair of record-breaking performances as well as a pair of budding stars on the horizon. The Panthers opened the season by shattering school records for an 18-hole round (276) and 54-hole score (854) in the BSC-hosted 'Southern Showdown. BSC went on to shoot three of the lowest rounds in school history, including a 281 at the Troy Invitational and a 284 at the Hal Sutton Intercollegiate. It was at the Hal Sutton where the Panthers turned in their best performance of the season, finishing second out of 13 teams. Individually, the Panthers were led by a pair of freshmen. Jake Nolen, a Birmingham native, led BSC with a 75.0 stroke average and a team-best four top-20 finishes. Austin Frye, a Madison, Miss., product, earned All-Big South honors by finishing in a sixth-place tie at the Big South Championships.

## Baseball claims Big South regular season crown

For the second time in three seasons, the Birmingham-Southern baseball team can call itself Big South Conference champions as the 2006 squad clinched the regular season title on the final day of the season by completing a sweep over Radford May 19-21 at Striplin Field. The Panthers then entered the Big South Conference Tournament as the No. 1 seed, but dropped their first two games in the double elimination tourney to finish the season 33-22. The team was awarded the Big South Conference's Team Sportsmanship Award for baseball.

*Senior hurler David Horne of Alpharetta, Ga., led the Panther pitching corps with an 8-2 record.*



## Softball turns in record-breaking season

Powered by senior standouts first baseman Nikki Rombough of Hayward, Calif., and pitcher Kristina Villavicencio of Longmont, Colo., the BSC softball team turned in a record-setting season in 2006. The Panthers strung together school-record winning streaks of six and seven games on the way to securing the program's first winning season at 28-21. Rombough paced the offense with a .459 batting average and set school records with 11 home runs and 41 RBIs. She earned her third-straight First Team All-Big South Conference honor. Villavicencio was 17-10 with a 1.79 ERA and earned second-team All-Conference accolades. The squad finished fourth in the 2006 Big South Conference Tournament.

*Senior first baseman Nikki Rombough set school records in batting and slugging average, home runs, and RBI's this season.*

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**Emlyn Colmant Bode** of Richmond, Va., wrote a note of thanks for the last issue of *'Southern* magazine honoring past professors. "I was 16 years old when I experienced my first class under Richebourg McWilliams," she writes. "Four years later, he had instilled in me a love of writing, reading, poetry, and learning. Now that I'm 90 years old, his teachings are still with me." She enclosed a book of her own stories entitled *If You Knew Emmy*.

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During June 25-28, *SiO2006*, an international conference at Italy's University of Palermo, honored the 50th anniversary of the publication of a seminal paper in *The Journal of Applied Physics*. That paper, by **Dr. Robert A. Weeks**, was the first in a refereed journal on E' centers in silica glass. The E' center is a defect in the structure of the crystalline and glassy forms of silicon dioxide that affects the use of this material in fiber optic cables and transistors. Weeks served as honorary chair of the conference and presented a lecture entitled "Other optical absorption bands in the region of the absorption band of the E' center." Weeks now resides in Maryville, Tenn. He is professor emeritus at Vanderbilt University and a retired senior scientist from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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**Elise Berthon** (below, center) of Birmingham was recipient of the 2005 Exceptional Service Award from the Salvation Army.



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**Marianne Lyles Wilder** of Birmingham celebrated her 100th birthday on Christmas Day. Earlier in December, her friends and her family—which now includes five generations—gathered at Kirkwood by the River, where she resides, for a gala party to mark the event.

The centenarian alumna, who attended Birmingham-Southern for three years before finishing at the University of Alabama, remembers the Hilltop of her day as a smaller place where "everybody knew everybody—it was one happy family." She and a neighbor who was also a BSC coed used to walk together to classes each day through the woods that then adjoined the campus.



*Wilder celebrates her 100th birthday with her great-grandson, Michael.*

One particular event of her college life that Wilder recalls with fondness took place in 1923-24 during the annual showdown between football rivals BSC and Howard. The captain and star of the BSC Panthers had asked her to be "sponsor" for the game. In

the downtown parade that preceded the big game, she rode in style on the back of an open car. "We borrowed a Cadillac!" she says.

Does she think the return of football will be a good thing on the BSC campus? "Well, it was a good thing in those days!" she laughs.



*Wilder (above, center) was sponsor for BSC's big game with Howard in 1923-24. (Right) Wilder's class photo from 1924.*





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On May 30, friends, family, and associates gathered at a reception in Stockham Parlor on the campus of

Birmingham-Southern to celebrate the 90th birthday of **Dr. Penelope "Penny" Prewitt Cunningham**.

The celebration brought together representatives from two of her most beloved educational institutions: Birmingham-Southern, where she is a loyal alumna and active supporter, and the Alabama School of Fine Arts, where she has been a member of its board of trustees for 25 years.

In honor of her dedication and lifetime of service to both institutions, the Dr. Penelope Prewitt Cunningham Scholarship Fund was established to enable graduates of the Alabama School of Fine Arts to attend Birmingham-Southern. Donations to the scholarship fund may be made in her honor through the Office of Institutional Advancement, Birmingham-Southern College, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254.

ASFA Executive Director **John Northrop Jr.**, a 1972 graduate of BSC, offered an introduction to the event, followed by congratulatory remarks by BSC President David Pollick. Then, Birmingham City Councilor William Bell presented Cunningham with a special birthday proclamation in her honor by the city. After performances by talented ASFA students, the guests joined in for a round of "Happy Birthday" to conclude the program portion of the afternoon's celebration.



*Dr. Penny Cunningham celebrates a milestone birthday with friends, including BSC President David Pollick.*



*Cunningham shares a warm moment with fellow BSC graduate John Northrop Jr.*

**Larry D. Striplin Jr.** of Birmingham, life member of the BSC Board of Trustees, was among those honored at the All-American Football Foundation's 76th Banquet of Champions Jan. 26, 2006, in Mobile. Striplin is chair of the board and CEO of Nelson Brantley Glass Contractors Inc.

# '53

For two years in a row, **George H. Jones** of Leeds has received recognition for his writing in the annual *Writer's Digest* competition, an unusual feat, according to *Digest* editors, in a 74-year-old contest that last year attracted nearly 18,000 entries.

# '58

**Frances Osborn Robb** of Huntsville, independent scholar and member of the Alabama Humanities Foundation Speakers Bureau, continues a busy schedule of presentations around the state on topics related to historic photographs. "Snapshots and Snapshooters: Imaging Our Lives" is a slide talk featuring mostly Alabama snapshots, with opportunity for program participants to share and discuss their own photographs. Robb, who is completing a book on the history of photography in Alabama, holds master's degrees from the University of North Carolina and Yale.

# '59

At the Feb. 21, 2006, Founders' Day Convocation at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., **Dr. Thomas K. Hearn**, president emeritus at Wake Forest, was honored with the Medallion of Merit, the highest award for service to the university. Hearn began his 22-year tenure as Wake Forest's 12th president in 1983, and, according to university sources, "is regarded as a visionary in higher education ... credited with helping to elevate Wake Forest from a highly-regarded regional university to one of the top 30 national universities in the United States."

# '60

The fourth annual Betty Gunn Invitational Debate Tournament at Mountain Brook High School in Birmingham was held in February 2006. The event serves as a reunion for many former students of **Betty Scruggs Gunn**, who served as debate coach at the school for 15 years.



'61

*Rumors of Wolves*, a new novel by **Jonathan May**, has been published by iUniverse. May took early retirement from his position as government documents librarian at Columbia University to return to his family home in Sawyerville to write, read, and otherwise enjoy life.

'63

**Glenda Teal Childress** of Knoxville, Tenn., has retired after 32 years as librarian at Sam Houston Elementary School in Maryville, Tenn.

**Dr. Jerry Phillips Winfield** of Blue Ridge, Ga., and Charleston, S.C., has announced retirement from Mercer University, where he has served more than 30 years as a teacher of Spanish. He currently is a professor of Spanish literature. Winfield is author of numerous critical works on Spanish poetry and has presented scholarly papers at conferences in several countries.

'65

For BSC classmates **Janice Wilson Dixon** and **Madeleine Albert Sparks** of Huntsville, a week's vacation on the Mexican coast turned into a harrowing ordeal when they were



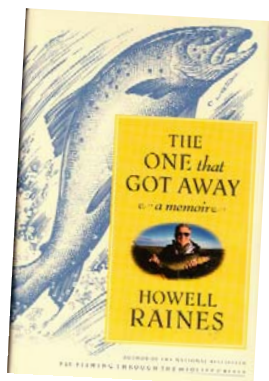
## Alumna revisiting campus meets with mentors

—When **Madeline "Cissy" Fletcher Bennett '69** (center) returned to the Hilltop this spring for a luncheon with visiting scholar Dr. E.O. Wilson, she enjoyed the opportunity of talking with her former professors Dr. Doug Waits (at right) and Dr. Dan Holliman (at left), who first introduced her to Wilson's work.

Bennett, who recently retired after a career of teaching biology in high school and college, says Holliman and Waits inspired her to earn a master's degree in biology. She writes, "I still remember the call from the dean of the Graduate School at the University of Alabama awarding me a full graduate fellowship on the basis of my having successfully earned a degree from BSC!"

'64

**Howell Raines** is author of a new book, *The One That Got Away: A Memoir*. For more on Raines, see page 24.



stranded in the area battered by Hurricane Wilma. An article in the Nov. 7, 2005, *Huntsville Times* outlines their challenging experience and eventual safe return.

**Dr. Harvey H. Jackson III**, professor of history and head of the Department of History and Foreign Languages at Jacksonville State University, was presented the C.J. Coley Award for his book *Inside Alabama: A Personal History of My State*, published by the University of Alabama Press.

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**Ashlyn Hines**, a partner in the Nashville-based Bristol Development LLC, says that Bristol Southside, a \$20 million condo

development of the group on Birmingham's Southside should be completed by fall.

The project's 156 condos—some loft-style apartments with open floor plans and some more traditional apartments—are almost entirely sold, with only 16 remaining as this issue of 'Southern goes to press.



In May 2006, actress **Peggy Walton-Walker** of Nashville appeared in *Pink Collar Crime*, a new play presented in New Orleans which she describes as "a terrific work about family, friends, life, death, and hurricanes."

'66

**Jim Cobb** has retired from Lane Community College in Eugene, Ore., and now is living in Hilo, Hawaii, where he is enjoying exploring forestry, building, creative writing, and music.

'67

Filmmaker **Bob Clem** of New Paltz, N.Y., currently is producing two documentaries in Alabama. Following up his 1997 film on Big Jim Folsom, he now is creating a film on Folsom's successor as Alabama governor, John Patterson. It's a close examination of Alabama politics in the late '50s and early '60s. The second film, supported in part by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, is on Mobile's legendary author and artist Eugene Walter, part of the American expatriate community in post World War II Europe. Clem also is developing a film on African-American gospel quartets, including the Blind Boys of Alabama and other legendary groups.

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## '92

When he was a student at Birmingham-Southern, **Watt Key** did an Interim project on survival in the woods. Some of what he

learned in that experience may have served as useful background in writing his new novel for young people, *Alabama Moon*, due

out in September from publisher Farrar, Straus & Giroux.

The first-time author, who lives with his family in Mobile, is enjoying events surrounding the debut of the book. He already has appeared as a speaker at Book



Photograph of Watt Key  
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Expo America in Washington, D.C., and will be promoting the book at the American Library Association convention in New Orleans and the Southern Independent Booksellers Association meeting in September. When the book is released, he will be speaking and signing at bookstores across the South.

**Walter Garrett** has retired after 37 years with the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Board. He served as facilities manager and capital projects manager. Over the years, he also has had responsibility for one of the most historic fields in Birmingham and the site of many exciting events: Legion Field. Though his tenure came long after the stadium's first game, a blistering 9-0 defeat of the BSC Panthers by archrival Howard Bulldogs on Nov. 19, 1927, his service at Legion Field covered many dramatic matches, from Iron Bowl classics and UAB Blazers play to 1996 Olympic soccer, and introduced him to sports legends like coaches Paul "Bear" Bryant and Ralph "Shug" Jordan.

## '68

The musical comedy *Sand Mountain Saturday Nite* by **Norton Dill** of Birmingham was presented in an April 2006 production at the Virginia Samford Theatre.



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## Physician honored by Southern Society for Clinical Investigation—Dr. Richard deShazo '67

(second from left) accepts the 2005 Founders Medal from the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation from Dr. Michael Bronze, SSCI president (far left). With deShazo are his wife, Gloria deShazo, and Dr. Donald Wesson. deShazo, of Brandon, Miss., is professor of medicine and pediatrics and chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**Rev. Barbara Erickson Harper**, pastor of Helena United Methodist Church, served as chair of the committee recommending the change from 12 to eight districts in the United Methodist North Alabama Conference, a realignment, according to *The Birmingham News* (Feb. 3, 2006), which "will allow the denomination to shift resources from regional administration to helping churches."

## '69

**Ann Boyd Caldwell** of Wedowee recently was named Wadley Quest Club's "Woman of the Year" for her significant community service through the Alabama Federated Women's Clubs and numerous other community groups. Caldwell is director of music at Southern Union State Community College and at Wedowee First United Methodist Church.

**John Cospers** has been named executive director of Chemical Addictions Programs Inc., a private, nonprofit agency offering substance abuse treatment in the greater Montgomery area.

**Lynelle Jordan Wilbanks** retired in May 2006 as a teacher of English and Spanish at Cullman High School.

## '70

**Ed Howard** of Marietta, Ga., creator and co-writer of the popular productions *Greater Tuna*, *Tuna Christmas*, and *Red, White and Tuna*, has written a new comedy *All the Way from Magnolia Springs*, based on Fannie Flagg's novel *Daisy Fay and the Miracle Man*. It will run Oct. 5-21, 2006, at the Virginia Samford Theatre in Birmingham. For more information, call 205/251-1206.

**Eudora Grisham Kemp** of Booneville, Miss., was nominated by the Blue Mountain Branch of the American Association of University Women for the 2006 Women of Achievement Award. Kemp, a teacher of English for 35 years, has served as national and local president of Kappa Kappa Iota and as president of the Mississippi Association of English Teachers.

**Charles E. Price** of Austin, Texas, recently was inducted into the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers, a recognition given only to a small number in the oil industry. Price, who has been employed since 1988 as an oil and gas appraiser for Capitol Appraisal Group, holds master's degrees from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and the University of Texas at Austin. Proud wife **Cenda Lindsey Price '72** honored his SPEE induction with a gift to BSC.



'71

**Dow M. "Mac" Perry Jr.** of Decatur is another BSC graduate listed in the 2006 *Best Lawyers of America*. Perry, who practices with Harris, Caddell & Shanks PC, is listed under the categories of Employee Benefits Law and Tax Law.

'73

**Ron Fortenberry**, who has more than 30 years' experience in the construction industry, has been named senior project manager at Birmingham-based Maxus Construction Co. He currently manages five projects, including Valleydale Retail Center, Chelsea Commons Retail, and Indigo Joe's Sports Pub and Restaurant.



## NY/NJ alums help make a joyful noise— and invite you to join in the chorus!

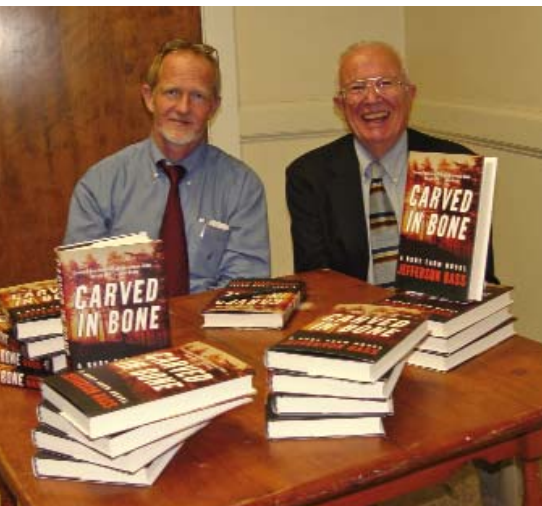
—Birmingham-Southern alumnus **Byron B. Mathews Jr. '70** has shared some exciting news: As part of the college's Sesquicentennial celebration, the BSC alumni in the New York/New Jersey area are participating in a service project to help the music program at St. Aloysius School in Harlem.

Recent BSC graduate **Kirstin Anderson '02** is director of the St. Aloysius music program. She advises that her students are in particular need of the following instruments and assistance:

- Band and string instruments
- Keyboards
- Guitars
- Rhythm instruments for Pre-K and K classrooms
- Orff instruments for Lower School classrooms
- Choir sheet music
- Tickets to concerts and opera productions in the city

St. Aloysius School previously was run by the Catholic Archdiocese of New York, but became a private, not-for-profit, co-educational school when the Archdiocese downsized its parochial school system. The school draws students mainly from the surrounding Harlem neighborhood and offers classes from pre-K to grade 8. St. Aloysius was able to hire Anderson and offer a music program through the generous support of **Beverly Sims Hosokawa '73**, a former BSC student and the recipient in 2005 of an Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree from Birmingham-Southern.

If anyone has a musical instrument now gathering dust in the attic, the students at St. Aloysius would be most grateful if you would donate it to the school. Or, if you would like to lend financial support to the music program at St. Aloysius in lieu of an instrument, your gift also would be most appreciated. To arrange a donation, please contact either Kirstin Anderson at 212/283-0921 (cricketkir@gmail.com) or BSC alumnus **George Thomas Wilson '72**, a member of the service project team, at 212/716-2788 (ganid@aol.com).



## Alumni author returns to campus for book signing

—**Jon Jefferson '78** (left) and Dr. Bill Bass, retired anthropology professor at the University of Tennessee and founder of UT's acclaimed forensic anthropology facility known as the "Body Farm," spoke at BSC on Feb. 16, 2006, about their new book *Carved in Bone: A Body Farm Novel*, published under the pen name Jefferson Bass. Jefferson is a science writer and filmmaker, whose work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, and *Popular Science*.

'74

**Charles A. Guyton** of Tallahassee, Fla., is another BSC graduate listed in 2006 *Best Lawyers of America*. Guyton is a partner with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP, an international firm based in Cleveland, Ohio. He is licensed to practice in Florida and Alabama and his field of practice is energy. His proud wife (who shared this news) is **Meg Hoagland Guyton '76**.

**Lenore Reese Vickrey** of Montgomery now is director of communications for the Business Council of Alabama. Previously she served as communications director for Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church and at the *Montgomery Advertiser*, *The Anniston Star*, and AmSouth Bank.



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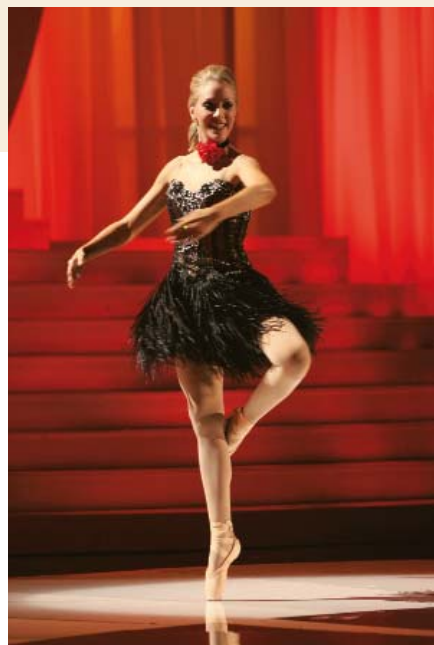
## '03

**Alexa Jones**, the 2005 Miss Alabama, captured third place (was named second alternate) in the 2006 Miss America

Pageant in January, winning a \$15,000 scholarship. Jones, who is pursuing a master's degree in art history at UAB,

founded the nonprofit organization Renaissance Foundation of Alabama Inc. in 1999 to address the needs of public school children whose access to arts education had been curtailed by funding cuts. Pursuing grants both in-state and as far away as the Museum of

Modern Art in Manhattan, she succeeded in improving access to the arts for school-children, sponsoring free concerts for communities, and otherwise enhancing the arts in 10 counties in the state, for which she received a national Points of Light Award.



Photographs courtesy of the Miss America Organization.

## '77

**Dr. Ken Waites**, professor of pathology at UAB, was selected as recipient of the 2006 Peter Hannan Award in Applied Clinical Mycoplasmaology by the International Organization for Mycoplasmaology. The award was presented at the 16th Congress of the IOM in Cambridge, United Kingdom, in July 2006, where Waites gave the Peter Hannan Award address. This award recognizes the most significant contributions in the field of applied clinical mycoplasmaology during the previous two years. Waites was selected as 2006 recipient based on his work related to laboratory detection and antimicrobial susceptibility testing of human mycoplasmas and ureaplasmas.

## '78

Architect and interior designer **William Wright** moved from West Hollywood two years ago to form a partnership with his brother, David, a designer of contemporary and transitional home furnishings. The Wright brothers opened an interior design showroom and furniture store in Destin, Fla., showcasing the David Hudson Wright Collection, a home furnishings line with a unique point of view, supported by an elegant website.

## '80

**Dr. Richard Hunter** now is pastor of Snellville United Methodist Church, a 5,000-member church in east Atlanta, where he follows **Dr. David B. Jones '73**. He leaves Hillside United Methodist Church in Woodstock, Ga., a congregation that has grown from 1,200 to 2,700 members during his time there.

## '81

**Dr. Mary Virginia Moore Tomlinson**, associate professor of sociology at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., was chosen as director of the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at Westminster, a center developed both to advance teaching and learning at the college and to enrich K-12 education through outreach programs for area educators.

## '82

**Dr. Catherine Cadenhead** of the Department of Counseling and Psychological Services at Georgia State University in Atlanta spent time this spring doing research in Xalapa, Mexico. At Georgia State, she explains, "our Maymester is similar to the 'Interim' concept at BSC: an ideal time for unique learning experiences."

## '83

**Rev. Amy Parsons Vaughn** has been appointed pastor of First United Methodist Church of Center Point as of Jan. 1, 2006. She previously was associate pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Homewood and also has served as pastor of First United Methodist Church of Stevenson.

## '84

**Dr. James C. "Jay" White II**, former chair of the Department of Physics at Rhodes College in Memphis, has been named vice provost at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania.

**Chaplain Gary W. Yarbrough** is director of pastoral care at Shelby Baptist Medical Center in Alabaster.

## '86



**Dr. Brian G. Cole** of Hollidaysburg, Pa., has been admitted to the John F. Kennedy School of Government's Lucius N. Littauer Master in Public

Administration Program at Harvard. He is shown here on a recent business trip to Sweden, where he says he'd love to be a future U.S. ambassador.

## '87

**Carolyn McCord Davis** of Decatur now is a member of the Decatur Assembly, an organization which supports Parents and Children Together and presents the annual PACT Ball to raise money for the child welfare group. Davis is office manager at Adventure GPS and a member of the Stephen Ministry at Central United Methodist Church. She and husband Andrew Wayne Davis have two sons.

**Dr. Jimmy Gardiner**, a native of Tuscumbia and now a practicing dentist there, was presented in January with a distinguished service proclamation by the city's mayor and council. Gardiner and his brother, William, graduates of Deshler High School in Tuscumbia, present radio broadcasts of the school's football games and are known as "the voice of the Deshler Tigers."

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**Whitney Hamilton** has been a Civil War re-enactor for the past three years. Though she now lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., with her husband, Patrick Sullivan, she occasionally returns home to Alabama to re-enact with the 62nd Alabama Volunteer Infantry, playing the role of a 19th-century woman impersonating a male soldier, as some women of the period actually did to survive during a perilous time. Hamilton has written a novel, *Firefly*, and completed her first feature film, *My Brother's War*, both based on 400 documented cases of women who fought in the Civil War as men—some of whom afterwards assumed the disguise for life. For more details, see the feature article on Civil War re-enactors, including Hamilton, in *The Birmingham News*, June 25, 2006.

'88

Since moving to Los Angeles with wife **Kimberly Williams Johnson '87**, singer-songwriter **Buck Johnson** has toured and recorded as a keyboard/vocalist with such artists as Matthew Sweet, Tal Bachman, John Waite, Shawn Mullins, The Doobie Brothers, The Thorns, and Butterfly Boucher. As a songwriter, Johnson has co-written the current single *Just Feel Better* on Carlos Santana's new album *All That I Am*, featuring Steven Tyler from Aerosmith on lead vocals.

**Mark A. Robertson** of Birmingham now is vice president of sales and marketing for Robertson Press, a printing services management company. He formerly was South regional manager for Domtar Papers Ltd.

'89

**Cathy McClinton Antee** has been named director of internal audit and controls in the Birmingham office of Jefferson Wells. She is a certified public accountant with 25 years of experience in internal audit and controls, as well as strategic planning and mergers and acquisitions. She previously was employed at Bruno's Supermarkets Inc.

**Shari Moxley Burnum**, a certified financial planner, branch manager of Raymond James Financial Services in Madison, and owner of Investor's Resource, recently served as an at-large delegate and panel member for the White House Conference on Aging.

**Jim McAnally** of Antioch, Tenn., sent a note of thanks for the faculty profiles in the winter issue of *'Southern* magazine, along with a reminiscence of his own favorite professor, Dr. Lloyd Slone, "a unique man ... a Renaissance man in the truest sense."

**'06 History lives at BSC**—When **Lisa Glenn** (far right) received her diploma in spring 2006, as a member of the BSC Sesquicentennial class, this Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate became the fifth generation of her family to earn a degree from the school. To Lisa's left are her proud parents **Laura Whitehurst Glenn '78** and **Dr. Robert K. "Bob" Glenn '75**, vice president for student affairs and vice provost for enrollment and academic services at Middle Tennessee State University, and (far left) her grandfather, **Rev. Kyle Glenn '49** of Forth Worth, Texas.



Lisa's great-grandfather was **Claude M. Glenn**, who graduated from Birmingham College in 1914. Her great-great grandfather was **Rev. Edgar M. Glenn**, who attended old Southern University in the late 1870s. However, Edgar M. Glenn did not graduate from Southern, instead answering a call to the ministry and serving for many years as a Methodist

circuit rider. He was part of the original committee that founded North Alabama Conference College and was installed as its second president in 1899, after the first president resigned in poor health.

Rev. Glenn served the fledgling school—which changed its name to Birmingham College during his tenure—until 1902. While he was president, Glenn finished his college degree—and signed his own diploma! Glenn left the school to serve a four-year term as president of Athens College, where his daughter, Susie, graduated. But sons Claude and Edgar graduated from Birmingham College in 1914 and 1916, and their father later returned to the Hilltop as a member of the BSC Board of Trustees for many years in the '20s and '30s.

**Editor's note:** Does your family boast four or more generations of Southern University/Birmingham College/Birmingham-Southern students? If so, please send a brief history and copies of any photos you may have of various generations to Carol Hagood at [chagood@bsc.edu](mailto:chagood@bsc.edu), or call 205/226-4913.



Lisa Glenn's roots run deep at BSC. Her great-great grandfather, **Rev. Edgar M. Glenn**, (front row, at left) attended Southern University and later presided over—and graduated from—Birmingham College. Seated next to him are his mother-in-law, Mrs. Hearndon, and his wife, Susan Hearndon Glenn. Lisa's great-grandfather **Claude M. Glenn** is among Edgar and Susan's children (top row, second from right). He graduated from Birmingham College in 1914, followed by his brother **Edgar** (top row, far left) in 1916.



'90

**Rima Fawal Hartman** has joined the Birmingham law firm of Maynard, Cooper & Gale PC as a shareholder. She practices in the area of labor and employment. She served as a law clerk to the Hon. Frank M. Johnson Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit from 1994-95. Before joining Maynard, Cooper & Gale, she was a partner with the law firm of Perkins Coie LLP in Seattle.

'91

**Suzanne Hudson Dunbar**, her husband, Scott, and their two children have moved from Nashville to Birmingham to begin a new business, Chocolate Graphics. She is teaching fourth grade at Deer Valley Elementary while her husband runs the business.

**Effie Johnson** recently won rave reviews in the *Washington Post* for her "exquisite performance" at the Olney Theatre Center in the Augustus and Ruth Goetz drama *The Heiress*, based on Henry James' novel *Washington Square*.

**Doug McIntyre** of Birmingham has been named vice president of claims administration for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. He has been employed by Blue Cross for 21 years, most recently serving as director of claims administration.



Singer **Crystal Tucker** (above, center) was one of 12 finalists in The Salvation Army's "Searching for a Star" fundraiser competition at the Saenger Theatre in Mobile in April 2006. A registered nurse with Coastal Hospice Care who hopes to one day pursue a career in music, Tucker placed third in the competition, winning a Carnival Cruise for two.

**Richmond West** of Childersburg has created his own press, Flat-Top Eight Press, and published two books, *Your Yesterday Is My Tomorrow* and *The Deviants*. West, who holds a master's degree in theological studies from Vanderbilt, with additional studies at the Iliff School of Theology and at the University of Denver, has taught philosophy at Fresno State University in California, Red Rocks Community College in Denver, Jacksonville State University, and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. He says that his background in philosophy and theology shape themes in the books, but that the emphasis in his fantasies is on entertainment.

'92

**Jeff Jones**, managing partner of High Country Outfitters, a specialty outdoor retailer in Birmingham, has announced that High Country and Urban Outpost retail stores have partnered with the prAna Natural Power Initiative to power their operations with wind-generated power, a clean, renewable source of energy which produces no greenhouse gas emissions or waste products.

'93

**John Allison**, formerly a resident of Maryland, has been named the new director of the Morgan County Archives. A native of Decatur, he holds a master's degree in history from the University of Maryland and has served as a researcher for the National Archives and The Library of Congress.

After completing a fellowship in nephrology at Washington University in St. Louis, **Dr. Harry Giles** now is a board-certified nephrologist serving the greater Birmingham area. While in fellowship, he edited the "Fluid and Electrolyte Management" chapter of the *Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics*, 31st edition.

'94

**Scott B. Reed** of Birmingham has been named group president for central Alabama at Regions Financial Corp. He previously served as chief administrative officer in corporate strategic planning.

**Todd Warren** was featured in the *VIP Jackson* (Miss.) magazine in March 2006. He manages the physicians' group at Jackson Pulmonary Associates and serves as coach for the Jackson Futbol Club.

'95

After working in commercial real estate in Montgomery, **John Coley** has joined his family's company, Coley Real Estate in Alexander City, founded in 1953 by his grandfather, as a third generation realtor serving the area. He specializes in the Lake Martin area, and, having grown up on the lake, is excited about using his local knowledge and real estate experience to assist buyers and sellers on Lake Martin.

**Curtiss Nuss** of Leeds, a training specialist for SunGard, traveled in September to Cape Town, South Africa, on business and had the opportunity to tour the prison where Nelson Mandela was held for a number of years.

**David T. Royce** has been named a partner in the law firm of Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC in Lexington, Ky. He has a wide-ranging corporate litigation practice and has served on the firm's personnel committee, administrative committee, and long-range planning committee. He also recently served on the executive committee of the Kentucky Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division. He resides in Nicholasville, Ky., with his wife, Carolyn, daughters Mallorie and Paige, and son Ben.

'96

**Amy Jo Blackwell Brown** is director of music at The Study Preparatory School for Girls in the Wimbledon area of London, where over 180 girls take private instrumental lessons, and music is a vital part of the curriculum.

**Tonya Drake** of Birmingham has been named supervisor of revenue accounting and industrial billing at Energen.

**Eric Johnson** of Henagar received a doctoral degree in organic chemistry from UAB in December 2005. His honors while at UAB include Outstanding Graduate Student 2004-05, Phi Kappa Phi honorary society, and Alabama Section of the American Chemical Society Outstanding Graduate Student Fellowship 2000-01. He currently is employed at Vintage Pharmaceuticals in Huntsville and is a part-time instructor at Northeast Alabama Community College.





**Eloise Arnold Whisenhunt** (above) of Marion, a Judson College professor of English, received the 2006 Thompson Faculty Award at Judson's Honors Convocation in April 2006 in recognition of teaching excellence. Whisenhunt has been a member of the Judson faculty since August 1998. She holds a degree from Florida State University and currently is a doctoral candidate at the University of Alabama. Her husband, **Ted Whisenhunt** (above, right, and also a '96 graduate), is professor of art and interim head of the Fine and Performing Arts Division at Judson.

'97

After completing residencies in Tucson at the University of Arizona, **Dr. Sarah Braaten Ferguson** and her husband, Dr. John "Dickson" Ferguson III, have relocated to Abilene, Texas, where she has joined a rural health clinic as an internist, and he has joined an anesthesiology group.

**Casey Christine Grier** now serves as adjunct professor in the Historic Preservation Department at the Savannah College of Art and Design after spending two months living and traveling in South America. She attended the Institutos de Lengua Espanola para Extranjeros, a Spanish language school in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She previously served as the preservation coordinator at Historic Savannah Foundation for four years.

**Andy Roberts**, president of the Association of Minor League Umpires, recently led his group to the end of a season-long strike and negotiation for a new contract. Now it's back to the road for the membership of AMLU, including Roberts, who is expected to return to the Triple-A International League.

'98

**Ben Bolton** has joined the Center for Toxicology & Environmental Health LLC in its Franklin, Tenn., office. The center specializes

in toxicology emergency response to industrial disaster and air pollution consulting. Bolton serves as an environmental scientist II, addressing both areas of service.

**Christopher P. Cotton** now is manager of residential construction lending for Birmingham at First American Bank.

**Thomas M. Noon** of Birmingham, a financial representative at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Minneapolis, Minn., has been authorized to use the certification marks CFP® and Certified Financial Planner™ in accordance with CFP Board certification and renewal requirements.

Children's Health System of Birmingham has named **Camille Spratling** community action coordinator. She is responsible for coordinating community forums and statewide initiatives to raise awareness and funds. She previously was employed with the Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce.

'99

**Dr. Allison Janney East** of Jackson, Miss., has passed her oral examination and now is a licensed psychologist in the state of Mississippi. She currently is completing the second year of her postdoctoral fellowship.

**Joshua G. Moore** has accepted a position with Group VIII Technology Inc., in Provo, Utah, as a research chemist.

**Erika D. Smiley** has moved to Nashville, Tenn., to accept a position with Concentra/FOCUS Healthcare in Franklin. She is employed as a provider recruitment representative for the Workers' Compensation Division.

In June 2006, **Dr. Massey Willingham** completed a residency in pediatric dentistry at Children's Hospital and UAB. In July, he opened a private practice at Trussville Pediatric Dentistry. He, wife **Carrie Anne Chapman Willingham '98**, and their growing family (see "Births") reside in Hoover.

'00

**John Mitchum Jackson** presided over Mobile's Mardi Gras celebration this spring as King Felix III. Jackson is a commercial and industrial sales and leasing associate with NAI Heggeman Realty Co. in Mobile.

'01

**Gina E. DeRosier** has joined the law firm Blank Rome LLP of Boca Raton, Fla. She will practice in the areas of commercial, insurance, and labor and employment litigation.



**Alexis Kendrick** (above, right) and other cast members performing in a production of "Jacques Brel ..." in Paris had a famous visitor last fall, when actress Leslie Caron (left) stopped by to see the show.

**Nathan R. Moody** has been accepted into the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg. He is the recipient of a scholarship from the U.S. Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program. Following his medical training, he will serve a four-year commitment in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps.

'02

**David Arthur Bacon** graduated on May 5, 2006, from Troy University with a master's degree in international relations. On May 13, he was commissioned into the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant. He will train at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., for OBC (Officer Basic Course).

**Sonya Edwards Eubank** joined the law firm of Johnston Barton Proctor & Powell LLP in Birmingham as an associate in September 2005. She is a member of the firm's labor and employment practice group.

**Ross Litkenhous** graduated in 2005 from the Kogod School of Business at American University in Washington, D.C., with a master's in business administration, specializing in real estate and urban development. He accepted a position in January 2005 at Wilkes-Artis Chartered in D.C. and was promoted this past October to senior real estate analyst.

**Marta McLellan** and 10 fellow students from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University spent their spring break in New Orleans, helping to restore houses ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. An interesting account of their eight-day experience can be found in the March 29, 2006, edition of *The Boston Globe*.

Last fall, **Joshua South** made his New York debut, singing the role of Adam in Haydn's "Die Schöpfung," with the Sacred Music in a Sacred Space concert series. Kent Tritle conducted the professional choir and orchestra at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church, located on Park Avenue. South completed his graduate studies at Manhattan School of Music in 2004, and continues to live in New York City.

**Linsey Steadman** of Tuscaloosa graduated from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in May 2006 and was awarded the Samuel Eichold Award for Excellence in Internal Medicine. She recently began her family medicine residency at the University of Alabama.

## '03

**Jennifer Compton** was one of nine graduates awarded a Founders' Medal at the May 2006 commencement exercises at Vanderbilt University. Her medal was awarded to her as representative of the Divinity School. Compton also won the William A. Newcomb Prize for best representing the Divinity School's paradigm of "the minister as theologian" and for her thesis, "Gathering up the Fragments: An Ecological Theology of the Eucharist for the United Methodist Church." She is seeking ordination in the United Methodist Church and has accepted a position as a federal ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.

**David Lucas "Luke" Eldridge** now is employed as a mortgage banker at HengerRast & Associates in Birmingham.

**Garland Stansell** of Birmingham, who is chief communications officer of Children's Health System, has been elected to the national health academy board of the Public Relations Society of America.

## '05

**JanieMac Dixon** opened a boutique last fall in Birmingham. Located in the Vestavia Hills City Center, JanieMac's Boutique offers designer clothing and personalized service.

**Rachel Malmborg**, who played volleyball at BSC, now is living in Illinois and training for professional beach volleyball. She reports that Chicago has hundreds of sand courts along Lake Michigan, and that during the winter she trains in indoor sand facilities.

**Emily Mathis** is serving as a press assistant in the Washington, D.C., office of U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions of Alabama.

**Laura Oldham** is under contract this year to the Shadow Box Cabaret in Cincinnati. She spent last summer acting with the Seaside Music Theatre in Daytona Beach, Fla., her third summer with the group.

Marine Corps Pfc. **Charles P. Williams** has completed his basic training at Parris Island, S.C.

# Marriages and Engagements

**Rev. Henry J. Segars '54** and Mary Lou Smith-Johnson, Nov. 18, 2005.

**George William Cannon '90** and Alison Keaton Robinson, May 13, 2006.

**Robert Brian Newbill '91** and Theresa Cecilia Garcia, July 4, 2005.

**Mark Hampton "Hamp" Baxley '93** and Emily Carmichael, Jan. 14, 2006.

**Valerie Anne Whaley '93** and Jonathan Lamar Owen, Oct. 22, 2005.

**David Caskey '96** and Connie Morris, Aug. 10, 2006.

**Rev. Wade Griffith II '96** and Julia Gardner Millsaps, March 18, 2006.

**Dr. Ralph Thomas Lyerly III '96** and **Susan Vail Simpson '96**, April 22, 2006.

**Robert Carl Baird III '98** and Taylor Randall Storm, May 20, 2006.

**Dr. Jordan Holt Gray '00** and Laura Beth Holt, March 25, 2006.

**Kevin Andrew Rogers '00** and Megan Michelle Clark, April 15, 2006.

**Joshua White '00** and **Ashley Grier '02**, Aug. 13, 2005.

**John Franklin Cribbs Jr. '01** and Candance Elizabeth Johnson, date to be announced.

**Lauren Kelly Faulkner '02** and Kevin Michael Humphrey, March 25, 2006.

**Lora Leigh Griggs '02** and William S. Tynes, Feb. 19, 2006.

**Alysia Michelle Mathis '02** and Timothy James Dobrinski, March 18, 2006.

**Jonathan David Prince '02** and Annika Dahlstrom Lindell, March 18, 2006.

**John Harpole '03** and **Christine Lester '03**, June 11, 2005.

**Carol Sterling Kidd '03** and Scott Alan Southerland, June 10, 2006.

**Sarah Elizabeth Roberts '03** and John Russell Douglas, Dec. 27, 2005.

**Melissa Suzanne Seibold '03** and Frank Christopher Nix, June 24, 2006.

**Kathryn Amanda "Katie" Sullivan '03** and Joel Colton Kauffman, Aug. 5, 2006.

**Elizabeth Louise Taul '03** and **Brian Paul Terrell '03**, May 20, 2006.

**Alexandra Dauphin '04** and Charles Goodrich, March 18, 2006.

**Stephanie Houston '04** and **Bernard Mays '04**, Aug. 18, 2007.

**Timothy Van Johnson '05** and **Kelsey Nicole Grissom '06**, June 3, 2006.

**James "Lee" Williams Jr. '05** and Ashley Leighanne Floyd, Nov. 11, 2006.

**Michael Andrew Willoughby '05** and **Laura Harris Kirk '06**, June 17, 2006.

# Births

A son, Charles Hamner Cowin, Feb. 17, 2006, to **Charles Cowin '85** and **Anne Hamner Cowin '86**.

A son, Keith Jamison, Nov. 16, 2006, to **Julie Povall Collins '91** and husband Sid (sister, Emily).

A son, Nicholas Stephen, April 21, 2005, to **Wendy Hardin '93** and husband Steve Hermann (sister, Mary Lucile "Lucy").

A son, Wesley Winters, March 16, 2006, to **Mary Burgett Ashley '95** and husband Stephen (sister, Mary Morgan).

A son, Charles Louis III, Sept. 30, 2005, to **Kelly Freeman Baum '95** and husband Charles Louis II (sisters Elizabeth McConnell and Anna Jane).

Twin daughters, Ann Massey and Sara Katherine, May 24, 2006, to **Anna-Katherine Graves Bowman '95** and husband David.

A daughter, Sylvana Campbell Gruesz, March 12, 2006, to **Colleen Campbell '95** and husband Carl David Gruesz.

A daughter, Madeline Elise "Maddie," March 2, 2006, to **David Miller '95** and wife Shannon.

A daughter, Emma Grace, Dec. 22, 2004, to **Heather Foshee Darling '96** and husband Alan.

A daughter, Avery Love, Nov. 11, 2005, to **Laura Pounders Edwards '96** and husband Zach (sisters Mollie Morgan and Rory Davis).

A daughter, Alice, Oct. 11, 2005, to **Lee Alice Howell Estes '96** and husband Allen (brother, Jack).

A daughter, Abigail Michele, Aug. 10, 2005, to **Marie Shunnarah Bateh '98** and husband Brian (sister, Anna).

A daughter, Elizabeth Mays, Feb. 2, 2006, to **Jennifer Askew Dunbar '98** and **Bruce Clay Dunbar III '00**.

A daughter, Meredith Reese, March 22, 2006, to **Carrie Anne Chapman Willingham '98** and **Massey Willingham '99** (brother, Thomas "Barrett").

## In Memoriam

# '36

**Dr. Samuel Cohn** of Birmingham died March 14, 2006. With a degree from Tulane University Medical School, he entered the U.S. Army in 1942 and served as a surgeon in the European Theatre combat zone during World War II, becoming part of the Office for Strategic Services. After serving a residency at UAB, Cohn began a practice of urology in 1949 with Drs.



Scott, Collins, and Barelare, in which he continued until retirement in 1985. During his practice, he served as president of St. Vincent's medical staff and was chief of the urology section of the Southern Medical Association and chair of the Jefferson County Board of Health.

He was a life member of the BSC Board of Trustees, where he received a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1980. He also served BSC as a member of the Ginkgo Society and the Endowment Builders Society.

Survivors include wife Mildred Hiller Cohn.

## In Memoriam

**Marion Ormond McPoland '28** of Birmingham died Dec. 17, 2005.

**Janice Craig Chapman Riggs '29** of Wheaton, Ill., died March 19, 2006. She was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy as a first lieutenant.

**Alice Oden Ford '32** of Birmingham died Feb. 23, 2006. During the '30s, she wrote for the social section of *The Birmingham News* and was active in many civic organizations and clubs.

**Emmett Wood Cloud '33** of Chelsea died Feb. 3, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II and recipient of the Bronze Star. Following the war, he entered the real estate business in Birmingham, and for the next 40 years, was active in developing many new subdivisions, including Vestavia Lake, Vesthaven, and Tanglewood. In 1995, he was recognized by the mayor of Vestavia Hills for his development activities in the area and for conceiving the idea of a Dogwood Festival. Survivors include wife Margaret Brunsford Cloud and brother **Louis D. Cloud '37**.

### Marjorie Nicholson Currie

**'34** of Mountain Brook died Jan. 25, 2006. She was an energetic and resourceful volunteer and took an active role in many civic organizations.

**Charles L. Weston '34** of Clayton died Jan. 18, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II. He served three terms in the Alabama House of Representatives in the '40s, and he was a leader in many activities and civic organizations in Barbour County.

**James W. Scarborough '35** of Sheffield died Jan. 31, 2006. With master's degrees in school administration and guidance counseling, he had a long career in education as a teacher, principal, and guidance counselor, and also was active in civic affairs. Survivors include wife Ruth Scarborough.

## In Memoriam

# '37

**Katherine Lide Freeman** of Birmingham died May 14, 2006. With a master's degree in French from Northwestern University, she taught high school French

and math in Alabama and Louisiana. She was a lifelong student of literature, religious thought, history, music, and art, and enjoyed traveling, painting, and tutoring female prisoners.

Her husband of 60 years was the late **Dr. Arthur Merrimon Freeman Jr. '37**. Survivors include brother **Martin J. Lide '39**.



She was a generous supporter of Birmingham-Southern and a member of the Endowment Builders Society.

*At the family's request, memorial gifts may be made to the Katherine Lide Freeman Scholarship Fund at Birmingham-Southern College through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254.*

**Martha Frances Hanes Cofield '37** of Panama City, Fla., died Feb. 21, 2006. In 1939, she married Rev. B.B. Cofield and moved to Liberia, West Africa, where they served as Methodist missionaries for 37 years. While he built a church, hospital, and houses, she taught and was principal of a mission school. Following their retirement from the mission field, the couple remained active in church affairs.

**William "Bill" Dobbins Sulzby Sr. '37** of Mountain Brook died May 19, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. With post-graduate work in business at Harvard, he was employed early in his career by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Liberty National Life, and later by Bechtel-McComb, which became Hayes International Corp. He served there as director of industrial relations and retired in 1989. BSC connections include his brothers,



## In Memoriam

# '38

**Dr. Paul Woodrow Burleson** of Naples, Fla., formerly of Birmingham, died Dec. 19, 2005. He was a veteran of World War II, with service as a naval flight surgeon in the Pacific, and of the Korean War.

With a medical degree from George Washington University and additional training at Hillman

Hospital in Birmingham, the University of Alabama, the University of Pennsylvania, and the New England Center Hospital in Boston, Burleson practiced internal medicine in Birmingham for 35 years. During that time he taught at the University

of Alabama School of Medicine, retiring as associate professor of clinical medicine in 1986, at which time he was named professor of medicine, *honoris causa*.

Among his many professional honors, he was given recognition for meritorious service in medical education at the University of Alabama in 1963, and the American Medical Association's Meritorious Award for service in improving health care in jails and prisons in 1979. He also received the Ira L. Myers Medical Service Award from the Medical Association of the State of Alabama in 1997, the Garber Galbraith Award for Medical and Political Service from the University of Alabama Medical Alumni Association in 1998, and was chosen Laureate of the Alabama chapter of the American College of Physicians in 2004.

He was named Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, by Birmingham-Southern in 1977, and in 1982, he received a BSC Distinguished Alumni Award. He was a member of the Ginkgo Society and the Endowment Builders Society.

Survivors include wife Martha R. Burleson.



the late **James F. Sulzby Jr. '28** and **Thomas D. Sulzby '31**, and his wife, the late **Mildred Wood Sulzby '37**.

**Marguerite Spradling Johnston Barnes '38** of Houston died Dec. 13, 2005. She received BSC's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1977 as an internationally respected journalist and author (for more on her career, see page 19.) Survivors include husband **Charles Wynn Barnes '39**.

**Mary Knox Mason '38** of Mountain Brook died Feb. 5, 2006. Her husband was the late **Julian L. Mason Jr. '38**. *At the family's request, memorial gifts may be made in her name to Birmingham-Southern College through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254.*

**J.B. McClendon '38** of Tucker, Ga., died Oct. 23, 2005. He was a veteran of World War II and received a Silver Star. With a master's degree from the University of Alabama, he was a successful teacher and coach in Alabama and Georgia for 40 years, with many championship teams. He is a member of the BSC Sports Hall of Fame, the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, and the Fayette County Sports Hall of Fame. Survivors include wife Virginia Foster McClendon.

**Margaret Matthews Gage '39** of Birmingham died March 14, 2006. She held both bachelor's and master's degrees from BSC and had a long and distinguished career as an educator. She was a teacher and head of the History Department at Brooke Hill School and, following its merger with Birmingham University School to become the Altamont School, she served as head of the History Department, dean of students, and assistant director, retiring in 1989.

**Clara Griffith Mussafer '39** of Montgomery died Jan. 12, 2006. She was an active volunteer and supporter of many civic organizations.

**John Drury Ozier '39** of Vestavia Hills died March 20, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was retired from the Durham and Ozier Co.

**Nell Mancin Crooks Cutler '40** of Mountain Brook died Jan. 10, 2006.

**Joseph M. Ganster '40** of Mountain Brook died Jan. 15, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Air Force and was a certified professional contract manager and supervisory contract administrator in the Department of Defense in Birmingham from 1953 until his retirement in 1981. He was active in promoting the Birmingham (now Alabama) Symphony and wrote program notes for the symphony from 1950-90. He was a member of the Ginkgo Society at Birmingham-Southern. His wife was the late **Virginia Lonergan Ganster '42**.

**Rev. O. Kelly Ingram '40** of Cary, N.C., died Feb. 20, 2006. Survivors include wife Geraldine Dysart Ingram.

**John Whitfield Lapsley Jr. '40** of Selma died Oct. 18, 2005. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Air Force, and worked as a visualizer-illustrator at Maxwell Field. With a master's degree in fine arts from Columbia University, he was a member of the "New South School of Art" painters, taught art for a time at Auburn University, and made a significant contribution to the visual art and culture of his home state. He was employed for a number of years in the civil service, retiring in 1960 to devote himself full-time to art and gardening. He was a member of the Endowment Builders Society at Birmingham-Southern.

**Thomas Lawson Smiley '40** of Mountain Brook died March 21, 2006. In 1942, he received a law degree from the University of Alabama, and in the same year, entered the U.S. Air Force as an intelligence officer. He received a special commendation from Gen. George Patton for his effectiveness in locating enemy targets. Following World War II, he was active in the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for more than 20 years, was the grand marshal for Birmingham's Armistice Day parade, recruiting the participation of celebrities such as Charles

Lindbergh and Jimmy Stewart. He founded and practiced for many years in the law firm of Smiley & Smiley with his brother, Judge James Smiley, and later in life established several other successful businesses. Survivors include wife **Evelyn Thompson Smiley '46**.

**Rev. Truman A. Morrison Jr. '41** of Okemos, Mich., died Jan. 23, 2006. A retired pastor of Edgewood United Church in East Lansing, his community leadership demonstrated a lifelong commitment to social justice and intellectual inquiry. Survivors include his wife, Rev. Eleanor Morrison.

**Billee Guthrie Steele '41** of Vestavia Hills died March 4, 2006. She was an award-winning painter and a member of the Watercolor Society of Alabama. Survivors include sister-in-law **Anne Davenport Guthrie '35**.

**Rev. William Hugh Barber '42** of Birmingham died Feb. 15, 2006. A graduate of Candler School of Theology at Emory University, he served as a United Methodist minister in the North Alabama Conference for 46 years. *At the family's request, memorial gifts may be made in his name to Birmingham-Southern College through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254.*

**Donnell Hebbard Culley Jr. '42** of Birmingham died April 11, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He established Culley Engineering & Manufacturing Co. in Whitesburg, Tenn., which he operated from 1965 until his retirement in 1985. He was a lifelong musician, playing trumpet with the Birmingham Symphony and Pops, the Auburn Knights Orchestra, and many area jazz bands. Survivors include wife Martha Culley and sister **Lilian White '44**.

**William Goode Hudson Jr. '43** of Selma died April 30, 2006. He was a decorated veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and receiving a Silver Star, Bronze Star, and two Purple Hearts. A feature article in the *Montgomery Advertiser* on May 29, 2006, Memorial Day, recounts the heroic acts which earned them. Later, he served as regional vice president for St. Paul's Insurance Corp., retiring as Alabama manager of the corporation. Survivors include wife Lois Jennings Hudson.

**Dr. James H. Walker '43** of Homewood died Jan. 26, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, with additional training at the University of Alabama, he practiced internal and family medicine for 20 years in Homewood and served as the student health physician at Howard College (now Samford University). He also served as an associate professor at the University of Alabama. He was a member of the Endowment Builders Society at BSC. Survivors include several children, among them **Adrianne Walker Thrash '94**.

**Cornelia Ousler Odum Wallace '43** of Birmingham died Dec. 18, 2005.

**Dr. George C. Douglas Sr. '44** of Millbrook died Jan. 29, 2006. He was a retired physician. Survivors include wife June Douglas.

**Claudia Odell Cunningham Thompson '44** of Union City, Ga., died April 22, 2006. She worked, prior to her marriage to the late Dr. Tiny S. Thompson, at Miller, Martin & Lewis architectural firm. A gifted musician, she sang with the Birmingham Civic Chorus for 35 years under the direction of late BSC Music Professor Hugh Thomas.

**Grace Watson Lamar '45** of Hinsdale, Ill., died Jan. 9, 2006. Survivors include husband **Charles C. Lamar '37**.

**Rev. Chester L. Raper '46** of Gardendale died Aug. 13, 2005.

**Dr. Donald Anthony Cantley '47** of Henderson, Ky., died Dec. 19, 2005. A pediatrician who served his community for more than 50 years, he was creator of its "CATCH" program, which "catches" the needs of underserved parents and children and has received national recognition and served as a model for similar programs across the country. Survivors include wife Bobbie Cantley and neighbor and friend **Ann M. Richardson '71**.

## In Memoriam

'49

**Dr. Taylor Herman Kirby Jr.** of Gainesville, Fla., formerly of Birmingham, died May 17, 2006. He had practiced as an obstetrician and gynecologist for 34 years in Gainesville and had delivered 4,000 babies during his career.

A leader in his community, his was the first medical office in Gainesville to be desegregated.



For several years in mid-career, he served as team physician for the Gainesville High School football team and cheerleading squad. He was past president of the Rotary Club of Gainesville and had played an active role in founding the

original health planning council of Alachua County.

A veteran, he served during the Korean War as a general medical officer at the American Station Hospital in Paris.

Survivors include wife Barbara Fenn Kirby, daughters including **Elizabeth Kirby Kendrick '81 (Rev. Timothy Kendrick '80)** and **Susan Kirby Geiger '90**, grandson **Evan Jones '10**, sister **Hope Kirby Patton '51**, and nephew **Benjamin Reynolds Wall III '92**. Other BSC connections include his father, the late **Taylor H. Kirby Sr. '24** and sisters, the late **Lee Kirby Phillips '55** and the late **Louise Kirby Wall '62**.

**Marguerite Erwin Lindsay '47** of Winchester, Va., died Dec. 1, 2005. She was a retired teacher and also an advocate and volunteer in service to those with mental illness. **Mary Benefield Owensby '47** of Iowa City, Iowa, died Dec. 31, 2005. Her brother was the late **William Owensby '41**.

## In Memoriam

# '61

**Charles A. "Butch" Powell III** of Birmingham died March 15, 2006. With a degree from Duke University School of Law, he was a partner in the labor and

employment practice group at Johnston Barton Proctor & Powell, formerly serving as the practice group's chair and as a member of the firm's

executive committee.

Powell was an editor of both the second and third editions of *The Developing Labor Law* and held many professional distinctions. He was an active member of the Labor and Employment



Law Section of the American Bar Association, serving as chair of the section in 1984-85. He also was chair of the association's Committee on the Development of the Law under the National Labor Relations Act and of its Institutes and Meetings Committee. He served on the American Bar Association board of governors, was a member of its house of delegates, and served on its administrative and select committees. He was a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He was a founding member of both the American Employment Law Council and a charter fellow and former president of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

He was listed in each edition of the *Best Lawyers in America* and *Chambers USA*, and he also was listed in *The International Who's Who of Management Labour & Employment Lawyers*. He was recognized by the *Birmingham Business Journal* in 2005 as one of its Best of the Bar.

Powell was a member of the Edward Lee Norton Board of Advisors at Birmingham-Southern.

Survivors include sons **Christopher A. Powell '90** and **Charles A. Powell IV '05** and brother **Collins Powell '68**.

**Dr. Don E. Marietta Jr. '48** of Towson, Md., died March 30, 2006. He taught for 33 years at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Survivors include wife Carolyn Gordon Marietta.

**John Alvey Morton Jr. '49** of Alabaster died Feb. 7, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was retired after 40 years of service with Winn Dixie in Montgomery.

**Dr. W. Stanley "Stan" Reynolds '49** of Huntsville died Jan. 24, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II and Korea, serving in the U.S. Navy. A periodontist, he practiced dentistry for 45 years, taught at the UAB Dental School, and was an early chair of the Department of Periodontology. Survivors include wife Toni Reynolds.

**Mary Florence Brock "Poncy" Collier '50** of Montgomery died Dec. 18, 2005. Survivors include husband George L. Collier.

**William P. Tuggle Jr. '50** of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., died April 4, 2006.

**Martha Sue Johnson Boshell '51** of Birmingham died March 11, 2006. She was a teacher for many years at Highlands Day School. She was a member of the Ginkgo Society at Birmingham-Southern.

**James Kenneth Harkins '51** of Evansville, Ind., died July 20, 2005.

**Rev. Joe C. Higginbotham '51** of Centre died Dec. 1, 2005. Survivors include wife Ann Tankersley Higginbotham.

**Dr. Everett Pittman '51** of Greenville, N.C., died March 10, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II and Korea, serving as an Air Corps/Air Force pilot. He later worked for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad for five

years. He held a master's degree in music from the University of Texas at Austin and a doctorate in music theory from Florida State University and taught at both schools. He was dean at the School of Music at East Carolina University for nine years. Survivors include wife Susan Adams Pittman.

**Dr. David Baldwin Champlin '52** of Birmingham died Dec. 17, 2005. With a degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine, he served as medical director of Woodward Iron Co. and Meade Corp. For 46 years, he had a private medical practice, serving on the staff at Baptist Medical Center at Princeton. Survivors include wife Elizabeth Allen Champlin and sons **David Baldwin Champlin Jr. '86** and **Dr. Stephen Allen Champlin '86**. His brother was the late **William Edward Champlin Jr. '50**.

**Joseph Alton Williams Jr. '52** of Tuscaloosa died Jan. 14, 2006. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He retired as owner of Wicker World. Survivors include wife Earline Williams.

**Roxie Grace Lancaster '53** of Montgomery died Jan. 22, 2006. She was a graduate of the Jones School of Law and was very active politically, serving as chair of the Montgomery County Republican Party for 10 years, on the Alabama State Republican Executive Committee, and as president of the Capitol City Republican Women. She also was active in community and cultural affairs and established a literary competition for young people through the city of Montgomery's Library and Arts Council programs. She was a popular columnist at the *Montgomery Independent* for nearly two decades. Survivors include husband William Lloyd Lancaster Jr.

**Roland F. Jagers '55** of Houston died March 7, 2006. He served in the U.S. Army Security Agency from 1954-57 and afterwards received a master's degree in physics from Vanderbilt University. He worked in Huntsville at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center during the Apollo Program, designing Apollo trajectories, and was recognized for developing computer trajectory calculation programs that saved the program more than \$9 million. He later worked for Boeing, Lockheed, and McDonald-Douglas in Houston.



**Robert Maze '57** of Mt. Olive died March 24, 2006. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, having served in Korea. He was retired from employment with the Social Security Administration. Survivors include wife Nelda Shaw Maze.

**Dr. Robert Lewis Porter Sr. '57** of Sterrett died March 14, 2006. He served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. He was a dentist with numerous professional distinctions, including the presidency of the Alabama State Board of Dental Examiners. Survivors include wife Joan Porter and sons, among them **Robert Lewis Porter Jr. '86**.

**Hon. George H. Trawick '57** of Ozark died Dec. 7, 2005. With a degree from Cumberland School of Law, he served as prosecutor for the cities of Ozark and Daleville and municipal judge for the city of Ozark. He later was elected Dale County district judge. Survivors include wife Debbie Trawick.

**June G. Smith '58** of Birmingham died Dec. 6, 2005. She taught first and second grades for 32 years. She was a committed environmentalist. Survivors include husband **Johnny L. Smith '58**. Her daughter was the late **Melanie Lee Smith '82**.

**Paul C. Tyson '59** of Tampa died Feb. 27, 2006. He served in the U.S. Army. He co-founded one of the largest industrial fastener houses in the nation, House of Threads, and later founded Tyson Bolt and Supply. He was a member of the Fastener Hall of Fame. Survivors include wife Judy Tyson.

**Dr. James G. Nash '64** of Live Oak, Fla., died March 9, 2006. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, receiving the American Spirit of Honor Medal, and later served in the Peace Corps in Cameroon, Africa. He held a doctorate of veterinary medicine from Auburn University and a master's degree from Colorado State University for additional studies in veterinary medicine. In the '80s, he began practicing missionary outreach with his veterinary work and served in Africa and South America as a member of the Christian Veterinary Mission. Survivors include wife Randy Nash.

**Florella Scott Green '65** of Missoula, Mont., died Jan. 14, 2006. She held degrees from Samford University, UAB, and the Birmingham School of Law. She operated a bookkeeping and tax firm, Scott Accounts, for 19 years.

**Donald Dewitt Lusk '65** of Birmingham died Feb. 24, 2006. With a degree from the University of Alabama School of Law, he practiced law for more than 37 years, and was senior partner of the firm Lusk, Lusk, Dowdy & Caldwell. Survivors include wife Carolyn Lusk.

**Corrine Woodall Marks '66** of Birmingham died Jan. 9, 2006. With a master's degree from the University of Alabama and AA certification from UAB, she was a teacher with 22 years of service in the Birmingham public school system. With her husband, **Rev. J. Howard Marks '66**, she served several churches in the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church. In addition to her husband, survivors include son **Richard Paul Marks '84**.

**Douglas M. Braswell Jr. '67** of Wilsonville died Feb. 8, 2006. After graduation from BSC, he served in the U.S. Army and subsequently worked for the U.S. government with the Small Business Bureau until his retirement.

**Dr. Robert "Bob" George '71** of Sioux Falls, S.D., died Jan. 11, 2006. He was a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Medicine, with training at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center and the University of Minnesota. After being honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1986, he and his family moved to Sioux Falls, where he established private practice in obstetrics and gynecology, delivering thousands of babies in Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. Survivors include wife Darlene Yarbrough George.

**Adrian Randall "Randy" Smith '72** of Redwood City, Calif., died Dec. 3, 2005. He was a graduate of the Lincoln University School of Law in San Francisco. For 25 years, he maintained a private practice in criminal trial defense. He also was a member of the court-appointed San Mateo County private defender program.

**Dr. Terry Lee Riley '75** of Scottsboro died March 19, 2006. A graduate of the University of Alabama School of Medicine with residencies at Tulane and Baptist hospitals in Birmingham, he practiced pathology in Georgia before returning to Alabama in retirement. Survivors include wife **Judy Gilmore Riley '75**.

**Kelly Porter Gordon '80** of Hayden died March 19, 2006. She worked for a number of years as an emergency medical technician and for Thornton Properties. Survivors include sister **Lindsey Gordon Meadows '69**. Her father was the late Kenneth M. Gordon, a former member of the BSC faculty.

**Henry Jackson Sr. '83** of Fairfield died April 13, 2006. He was a retired employee of Protective Life Insurance Co.

**John C. Denney Jr. '87** of Hanceville died Feb. 24, 2005.

**Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Shields Douglas, Friend**, of Birmingham, died Feb. 24, 2006. She was employed as a secretary in the college's Adult Studies Office from 1979-84. For many years after her employment at BSC, she was a home-school coordinator for the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Vestavia Hills. Survivors include daughter **Miriam Douglas Ambrester '84**.

**Mary S. Erickson, Friend**, of Hoover, died Dec. 21, 2005. She formerly was a librarian at BSC. Survivors include daughter **Rev. Barbara Erickson Harper '68 (Dr. Mike Harper '68)**, son **Steve Erickson '72 (Linda Smyly Erickson '72)**, and grandchildren including **Kristin Harper '92, Kelly Harper Avery '92, Brian Erickson '97, Beth Erickson '00**, and **Brad Erickson '04**.

**Virginia Keadle Stephens, Friend**, of Birmingham, died April 1, 2006. An avid reader who held a library card for 86 years, she was honored by the establishment of the Virginia K. Stephens Memorial Scholarship endowment fund at Birmingham-Southern. *Memorial gifts may be made in her name to Birmingham-Southern College through the Office of Institutional Advancement, 900 Arkadelphia Road, Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254.*

## Our president is challenging us to answer the question: What does it mean to be a liberal arts college in the contemporary world?

BY DR. EDWARD QUEEN II '80

I care about Birmingham-Southern College. In fact, I honestly and unabashedly can say that I am grateful to the school for making possible any of the successes I have had in life. In many ways, however, that statement is not quite true. Traditionally my affection and gratitude have been reserved for professors and fellow students. Without Earl Gossett and Natalie Davis, Irvin Penfield and Susan Hagen, Paul Franke and Barbara Lester, and many others, including Lloyd Slone, Roy Wells, and David Fraley, my life would have been markedly diminished and radically different. For the institution of Birmingham-Southern College, my affection has been more muted, reserved mostly for those whose foresight created the scholarship programs that allowed so many of us to attend the institution and obtain such opportunities. My feelings toward the college have been mixed at best. Every action undertaken by the administration always has been viewed critically, as potentially threatening the school's strengths and its passions.

The hiring of a new president, while striking me as an event marking the end of an era, initially did little to change that view. As the new president, David Pollick, made his rounds to visit with alumni in various cities, I received an invitation to attend such a meeting in



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Atlanta. While pleased to see 'Southern reaching out more aggressively to alumni, my suspicions were not readily allayed. In fact, when I initially was introduced to Dr. Pollick, they increased. To be honest, he struck me as too polished, possibly slick, even alien.

Then he began to speak about his vision for Birmingham-Southern College. My attitude began to shift. If he truly meant what he said, then he was the perfect person for the job as president of my college. He understood both what a Birmingham-Southern could, and should, be and what it meant to be a liberal arts college. As he expounded on his vision of Birmingham-Southern College as an ethos and a place, I became increasingly impressed. When he spoke of the name Birmingham as something from which the

college should not run, but which meant a history of distinctive experiences and understandings that provided something special to offer the world, I was a convert.

With me, however, he was preaching to the choir. His vision meshed with everything I had believed about the college from the moment I set foot on campus. When President Pollick began to articulate his vision for a Center for Global Human Dignity, I knew that he was a man capable of grasping essences (not surprising in a philosopher) and of thinking creatively about the

liberal arts college in the contemporary world. He saw that the essence of a liberal arts college was to inquire into what it means to be human, to ask how to live a human life, and to ensure that all can truly live such a human life. Only by struggling with such questions and by educating students about the importance of such questions does a liberal arts college have a reason for existing. If President Pollick believed in the vision which he so powerfully articulated, then 'Southern indeed was in good hands.

That, however, was the rub. How sincere was this man about what he meant and how hard would he work to realize the vision he articulated so well? Over the past year, I have learned the depth of his sincerity and commitment. While serving as the volunteer alumni chair for the Center for Global Human Dignity—a new position on the Alumni Association Board—I have had the chance to work closely with President Pollick, as well as with many of the senior administrators and faculty at 'Southern, particularly Provost Kathleen Murray, and to observe their responses as the college dealt with incredibly serious matters. They invited me to participate as the only non-faculty/staff member of the campus Task Force for the Center for Global Human Dignity—an opportunity I welcomed. Everything I have seen and heard has proven to me that the substance of the commitment is at least as strong as the vision. Dr. Pollick's response to the church burnings was morally commendable and most impressive. Rather than hiding behind any number of reasons about why the college bore no responsibility, he challenged the school and all its stakeholders to meet the intellectual, moral, social, and financial challenges that the arsons presented. As one who always has valued what people do over what they say, I was markedly impressed.

Conversations with faculty and students served to validate my positive response. I am pleased that the school is in such good hands. From my position on the Alumni Board, I look forward to sharing with you—in future articles in this magazine and through e-mail communications—the details about the center as they emerge, and inviting all alumni to join in celebrating the fact that this center calls out and gives a name to that which has been making our college great for 150 years.

Birmingham-Southern College faces serious challenges and must address them. It must become a national institution. It has to tell its story, embracing its past and moving aggressively into the future in a way that positions the school to address emerging realities. The college has to answer what it means to be a liberal

arts college in the contemporary world. I am pleased to be part of the discussions that are leading to the formal structure, goals, and priorities for the new Center for Global Human Dignity. President David Pollick has challenged all of us to work with him in articulating that answer.

It is up to all of us who care for Birmingham-Southern to respond to that challenge, to struggle together for that answer, and to turn that answer into a meaningful institutional reality.

**Editor's Note:** *Dr. Edward Queen II, director of Ethics and Servant Leadership at Emory University, is volunteer alumni chair for the Center for Global Human Dignity on the Birmingham-Southern Alumni Association Board.*

## Center for Global Human Dignity

Birmingham-Southern College has a long history of service to the broader community, embracing its Methodist heritage and extending that ethos through programs such as the Hess Center for Leadership and Service, service-learning experiences integrated into the curriculum, and an expanding Study Abroad program. Its Methodist founders asked the first graduates of Southern University to “be Christian heroes in this great moral warfare of life,” to “develop the latent capacities, to transform the helpless infant into a good and wise man, fitted to serve God and his generation on earth.” On the occasion of its Sesquicentennial, the college reasserts the value of advancing human dignity as fundamental to the mission of liberal arts education.

To this end, Birmingham-Southern College is establishing the Center for Global Human Dignity with the mission of investigating what it means to be human and what is required to advance human dignity in the world. Central to this investigation is the exploration of what impedes opportunities for people worldwide to live in an environment that sustains an inherent sense of personal worth and social responsibility. Our heritage compels us to intentionally examine the social principles that direct our daily impact on the world.

The center will actively seek to create an environment, both at the college and in the broader society, in which the knowledge, skills, and strategies for addressing these questions can be developed.

Private support for this Center for Global Human Dignity is vital to creating such an environment that brings hope for peace and human dignity across our state, nation, and world.





Photo by Dee Moore

## Thunder on the Hilltop

*A spectacular display of fireworks, seen here with the Edwards Bell Tower in the foreground, blasts toward the sky May 6 to round off Birmingham-Southern's grand Sesquicentennial celebration marking the college's 150th anniversary. The day of celebration was held on campus during Alumni Reunion weekend and featured live music, games and other activities, reunion class receptions, and a variety of tasty food. The fireworks thrilled more than 1,000 alumni, students, faculty, and staff—and their children—who joined the festivities. See more on Alumni Reunion 2006 beginning on page 33.*

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